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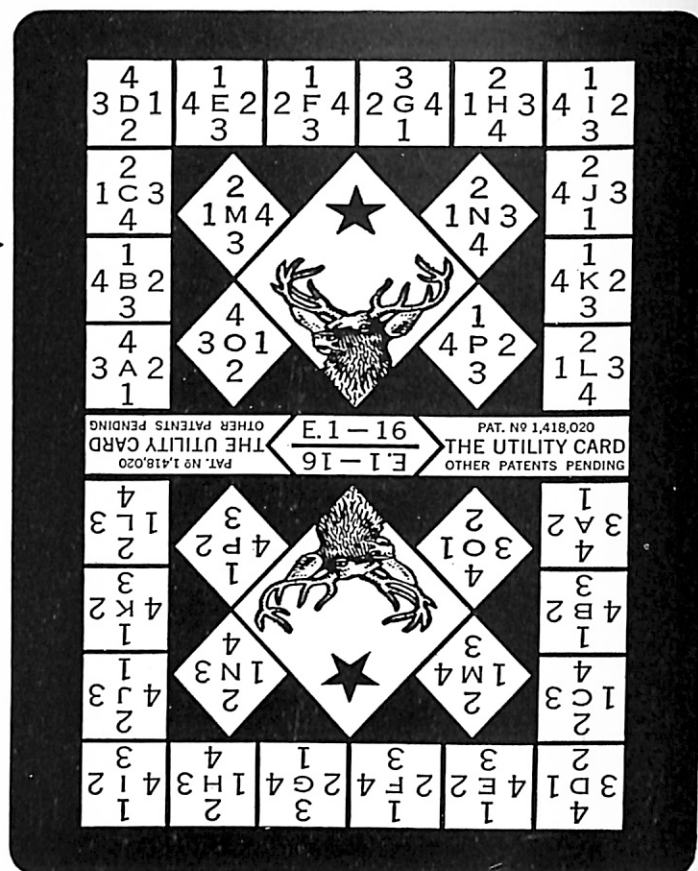
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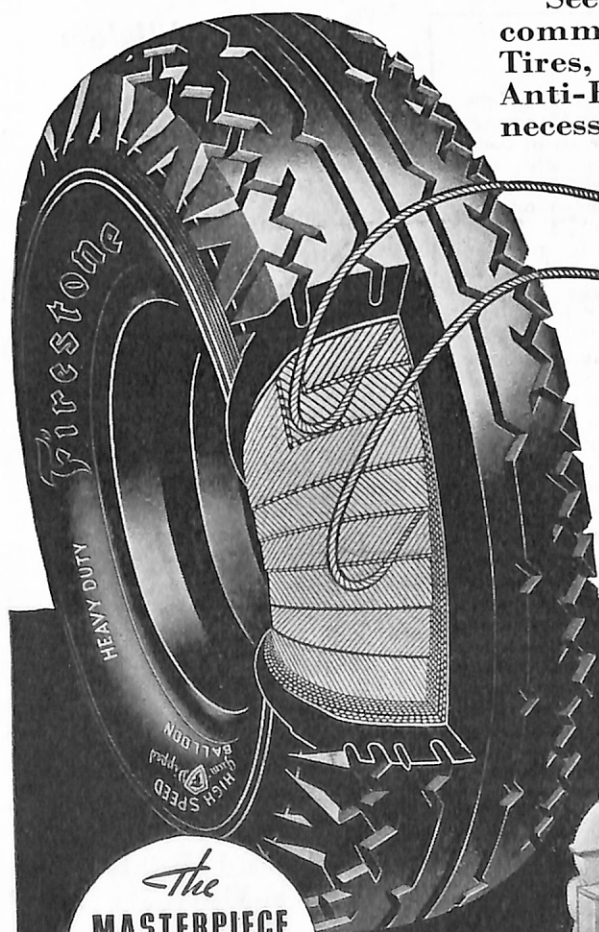
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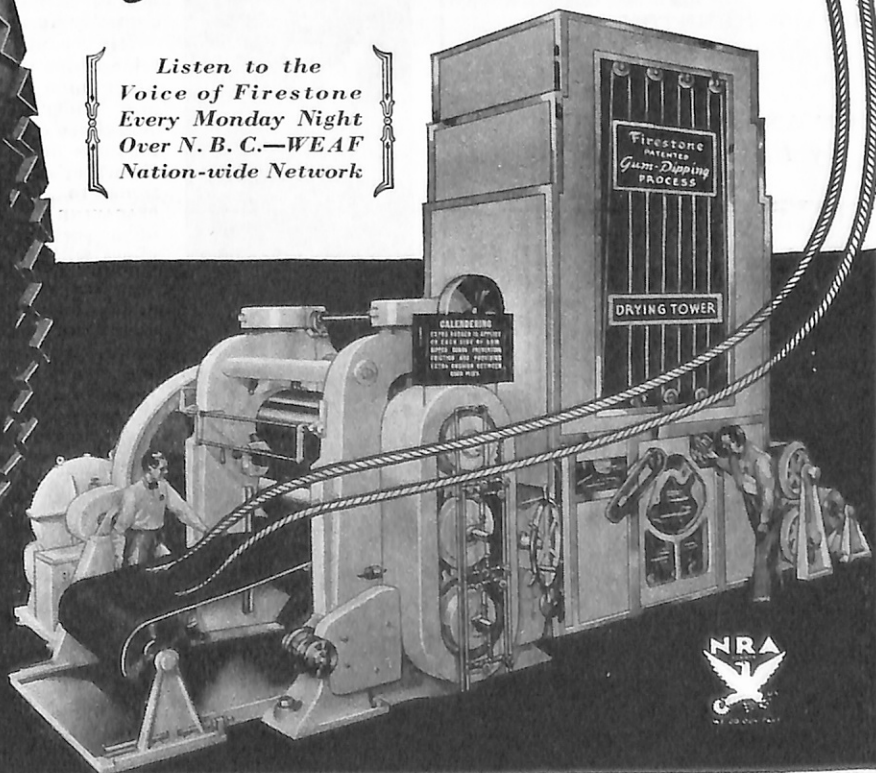
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and most popular
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views with key execu-
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leading industrial con-
cerns on subjects of
timely and widespread
interest. Be sure to
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 January 15, 1934

DEAR BROTHERS:

At approximately the time this circular is read in the Subordinate Lodges, I will have completed the first half of my administration. How the time flies! And so much to be done! Could I multiply myself a hundredfold, I could not begin to do all I would like. This makes it all the more important that every member of the Order do his utmost to help in our great and common cause. Especially do I appeal to the officers of our Lodges to be diligent. Lead on! And do not cease your labors until we shall have achieved the victory.

Acknowledgment of Greetings

During the Christmas and New Year season, I received an unusually large number of holiday greetings. Some came in the form of beautiful cards; some were conveyed in letters; and yet others by telegraph. For all these I am deeply grateful. To receive them made me happy. And I beg of each of you who so thoughtfully remembered me to accept this as an acknowledgment of the receipt of your message and as an expression of appreciation of your good wishes. In return, I express the most earnest hope that the New Year may hold much of good for you.

My Visitations

During the past month I have diligently continued my visitations to the Subordinate Lodges. Since my last communication to you, I have visited the Lodges in the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico, and in so doing I was privileged to visit our most southerly Lodge. When I visited in Alaska last August, I sat in our most northerly Lodge. In these far-flung Lodges, I found a wonderful spirit of fraternalism, as well as a commendable aspiration to excel in exemplifying the cardinal virtues of our Order. So, also, have I found much good and a fine spirit prevailing in most of the Lodges in the States. In only a few have I found lack of leadership and appreciation of the program we are endeavoring to accomplish. Where such exists, there is even a greater responsibility resting upon the rank and file of the members to furnish that which their officers lack. May their love of the Order and jealousy for its good name cause them to be diligent in their efforts.

Georgia Warm Springs Foundation

A great movement is under way permanently to endow the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation through the proceeds arising

from a series of charity balls to be given on the evening of January 30th, the Birthday Anniversary of the President, our Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt. Believing it our duty to assist in this commendable movement, some weeks ago I issued an appeal to all of the Lodges to take the lead in their respective communities. Since then, I have visited this Institution. I have inspected the entire plant, and it is a worthy cause. Wholehearted support of the undertaking will redound to the credit of our Order, and I earnestly appeal to all of our members to lend that support.

Increase in Membership

I am greatly pleased with the interest that is manifest in our Lodges to restore their records in membership. In one of my recent visitations, I uncovered an instance where one member of the Lodge alone had, during the past year, brought in seventy applications. What a wonderful record! Let others exhibit the same zeal. Let lapsation, reinstatement and membership committees be appointed and earnestly function to the end that a wonderful record may be obtained. Let nothing be left undone to make our Anniversary and "21 and 6" Classes a great success. If any Exalted Ruler has not appointed special committees and mobilized his membership for these efforts, let him no longer delay doing so.

Three Great Anniversary Days

Nothing could be more fitting than for our Subordinate Lodges to take immediate steps looking to the proper observance of the Birthday Anniversaries of Lincoln, of our Order, and of Washington, February 12th, 16th and 22nd, respectively. These days can be made inspiring occasions for expressions of love of country, appreciation of our Order, and devotion to civic duties. In view of the strictly American character of our Order, and especially since we have linked "the destiny of our Order with the destiny of our country," I earnestly request that attention be given to these opportunities for an expression of our admiration of these two great American characters, as well as of the privileges that are ours as a result of membership in the greatest of American fraternities.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Walter F. Meier

Grand Exalted Ruler

Illustrated by
Earl Oliver Hurst



She uttered a scream,
and dropped the basket
with a crash which sug-
gested breaking china

A SPECTER'S SECRET

by Horatio Winslow

*The Diary of a Correspondence
School Detective's First Case*



ON June 8th, at our H. S. Commencement Masquerade Ball, while I was dancing with Gerania Greenwood, a smart aleck present remarked, "Say, Jake, I didn't understand that last; did you say you was aiming to be a detective or a defective?" The following account of how I solved the horror problem at Villa Nox is the best answer to this libelous sneer:

CHAPTER I

A MYSTERIOUS MISSION

June 9, 9:17 a.m.

I PULLED up to the curb on noticing in the window of Mr. Ben Reynolds' real estate office a sign entitled, "Night Watchman Wanted." "Sit down, Jake," said Mr. Reynolds as I entered. "What's on your mind this morning?"

"I have," I stated in order to draw him out, "come to ask about that job as per ad in window."

A moment's silence filled the room while Mr. Reynolds closed his right eye and stared at me out of the other. "The night watchman I'm looking for, Jake, is some tough old bird; not a young high school graduate."

"You may," I rapped briefly, "be surprised, Mr. Reynolds, to know that shortly before finishing my high school studies I received a neatly engraved diploma in two colors, certifying that I had successfully completed Chief Donahey's special correspondence course for detectives; and I would be glad to show you same, together with corrected lesson sheets, handcuffs of modern design, a revolver and night stick, if my grandmother had not thrown instructions and outfit into the river as the result of an error in judgment and also because she wanted me to follow my late father's trade of carpenter and cabinetmaker. But I am still a detective. That is why, Mr. Reynolds, I look on the present job as a first step in my chosen life work. Kindly tell me the whole story without trying to conceal anything or shield anyone."

After walking to the street window, probably to hide his emotion, Mr. Reynolds cleared his throat and said, "Jake, what, if anything, did Chief Donahey teach you about ghosts?"

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"Be good enough to," I crackled efficiently, "state the complete details, and when you have finished you will find me ready to answer all proper questions. Thanks to Chief Donahey's course, I have developed what is known as the camera eye, and thus am prepared to observe as well as deduct."

MR. REYNOLDS now offered the following explanation. "Jake, last year I bought that flock of two-room bungalows at River Point, three miles from Grainger. One of 'em is named Villa Nox."

"Why?" I queried crisply.
"Ask the other fellow; he named it. Anyway, Villa Nox is being ruined by a ghost that's already scared out two early season tenants and three night watchmen. The story's spread so that prospects seem to think a ghost goes with every bungalow. I've even put in telephones, but I can't do any business. Jake, there's twenty-five dollars in it if you last a week at Villa Nox and another twenty-five if you crowd out the ghost. What say?"

Everything was now perfectly clear. "You have passed," I accentuated quietly, "the problem to the proper party. Let's go."

As I pocketed the key to Villa Nox, I jotted down the following lines in my little diary book:

"I am now assuming conduct of my first case, viz., Detective vs. Ghost. What will my experiences be in this absorbing modern profession?"

(What was the surprising encounter which awaited Jake? How did he handle same? You will find the answers to both these questions in the following chapter.)

CHAPTER II

AN INEXPLICABLE INCIDENT

June 9,
4:32 p. m.

Owing
to three
blow-

outs and magneto trouble I did not cover the fifteen miles to Grainger till late in the afternoon. I was about to start on the last stage of my trip when a Mirror Lake autobus stopped and a well-remembered form got out carrying a basket in her right hand. It was none other than Gerania Greenwood herself.

As rapidly as possible I slid out of the front seat and, hurrying behind her, said in a low voice, "Miss Greenwood, I have tracked you down at last."

She uttered a scream, dropped the basket with a crash which suggested breaking china, and then gasped, "Oh, Jake, what are you doing here? Why did you say that?"

I allowed a quiet smile to play about my features as I rapped briefly, "I am here to remark something I did not have a chance to tell you last night on account of your leaving so early."

A little color came back to her cheeks as she explained,

"my step-uncle came for me, Jake. He said I had to be back home in Grainger before twelve o'clock. He is very strict."

"Well, Gerania," I continued, "uncles aside, I would like to give you an important message which has nothing to do with my chosen work of being a detective. Last night when I saw you disguised as a Chinese I knew that something had come into my life."

A moment's silence filled the street. "Yes, China is a fascinating country," she whispered in a nervous manner. "I am crazy about it. The Chinese are a wonderful little people. I don't see why there is so much prejudice against them."

"At ten o'clock last night," I went on, "we got into my automobile and, after I had replaced the water which had leaked out of



the radiator, I took you to a drug store where you ordered a Chinese Delight sundae with whipped cream and chop suey."

"Yes," she whispered again.

"Before you finished that sundae, Gerania," I accentuated quietly, "I knew I would never be able to live without you."

She did not say anything but looked down at the pavement.

"I will soon," I cracked efficiently, "be able to support you in the style to which you are accustomed, because I am a trained detective and in a short time will be traveling all over the world practicing this splendid modern profession, with my expenses paid by others. How would you like to come along? I am already on my first case, having been assigned to clear up the mystery of the ghost at Villa Nox."

The red flush in her cheeks vanished as quickly as it had come. I noticed that she was trembling.

"Oh, Jake," she said, "please don't go to Villa Nox. Please don't."

"You do not have to be scared for me," I told her. "As a trained detective

I am well able to take care of myself. But that has nothing to do with the subject. At present what I want to know is your present address —for purely personal reasons."

"Not now, Jake," she said in a shaky voice. "I'll tell you later. I must hurry to pick up some things at the Chinese laundry here. Goodby, Jake. Thank you. Goodby again. And, oh, Jake, please stay away from Villa Nox."

With a gradually breaking heart I watched her enter the Chinese laundry establishment and then went back into my automobile. To my surprise the starter worked.

(What will Jake discover at the haunted bungalow? What will he do first? You will be thrilled by the events in the following chapter.)

CHAPTER III

A HAUNTED BUNGALOW

June 9, 4:41 p. m.

AFTER giving Villa Nox the camera eye, I could see nothing which made it any different from the other two-room bungalows in the vicinity. One of the windows had lost its catch; but that was all.

It was only when I investigated a spot by some bushes, twenty-five yards distant, that I found a clue. A party with very large feet and tobacco chewing tendencies had stood behind those bushes. He had also made several trips to the broken window. Beside one of the footprints was a U. S. dime, doubled over on itself and with a couple of dents in same.

Having placed the latter clue in my pocket, I went inside once more, to take out my little diary book and jot down the following questions:

"1. Why is the bungalow in which I am making my headquarters called Villa Nox instead of Nox Villa?"

2. Is the ghost in Villa Nox connected with the recent crime wave?

3. Who was the party behind the bushes and what is the significance of the clue now in my pocket?
4. Why did Gerania turn pale at my mention of Villa Nox?
5. What did Gerania have in her basket?
6. Why did a cold but invigorating shiver pass through me every time Gerania said, 'Oh, Jake'?
7. Since Gerania lives in Grainger, what is her street number and also what is her telephone number, since there is no Greenwood listed in the telephone directory?"

After a careful study of the foregoing questions I was obliged to admit that I did not know the answer to any of them. For this reason I replaced the little diary book in my pocket and opened my lunch box.

(Midnight is coming. Will Jake encounter the supernatural inhabitant of Villa Nox? And, in that case, will the mysterious specter reveal his secret? You will learn all about these important developments in the following chapter.)

CHAPTER IV

A WEIRD INTERVIEW

June 9, Midnight.

IT was twelve p. m. when I awoke with a feeling that I had been aroused by a sudden noise. I was still in the bedroom, wondering what I had better do about same when a resounding thump came from nowhere in particular. I resumed conduct of the case by clearing my throat and querying crisply, "Is the party responsible for that there noise a ghost? Kindly signify by knocking three times for 'yes' and once for 'no.'"

A moment's silence filled the living room, followed by three light taps. I opened my little diary book in order to jot down the complete conversation in case I was able to draw the specter out, which I did as follows:

"Are you happy?"

"Yes."

"Are you unhappy?"

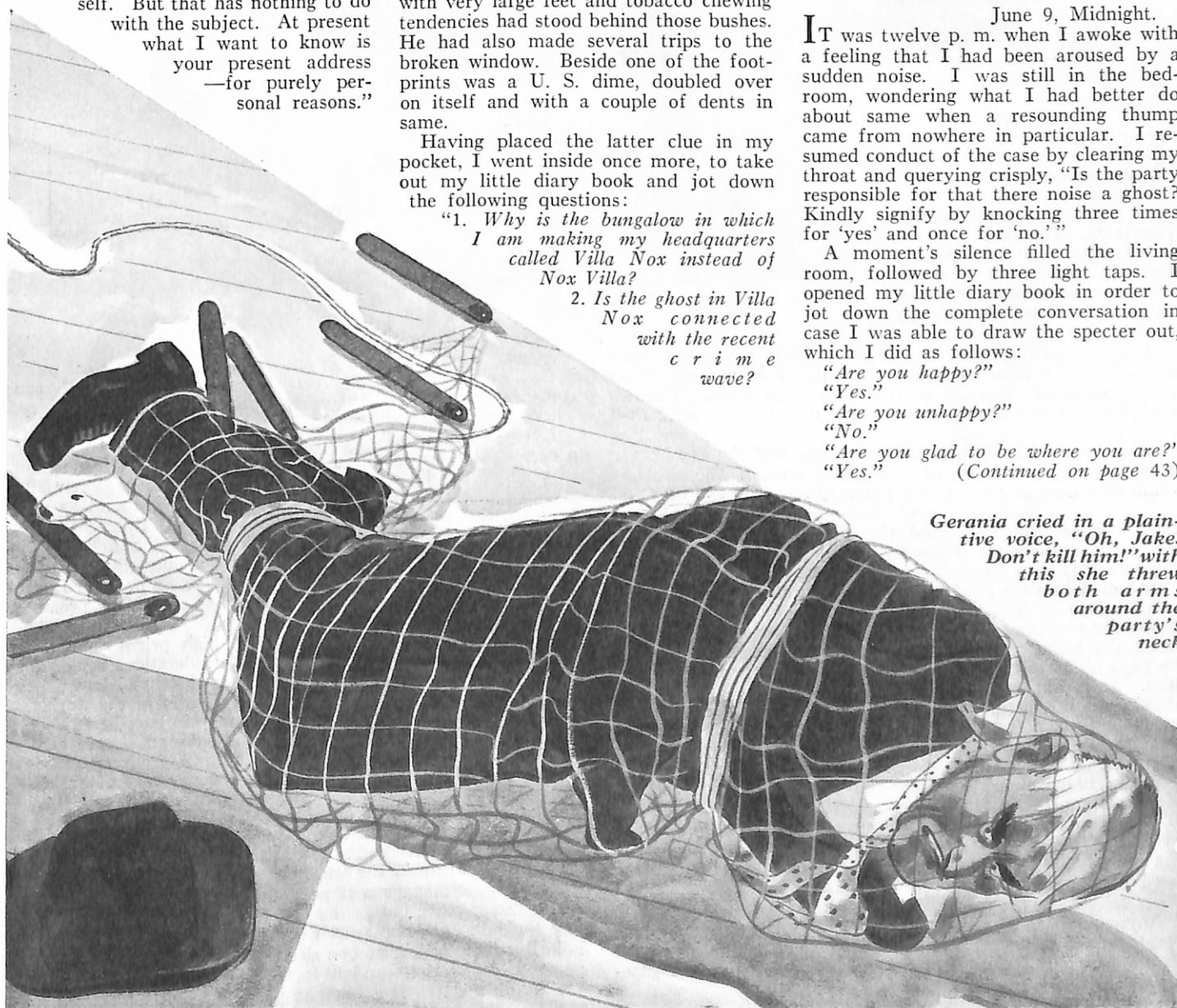
"No."

"Are you glad to be where you are?"

"Yes."

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Gerania cried in a plaintive voice, "Oh, Jake! Don't kill him!" with this she threw both arms around the party's neck



When You "Soak the Rich"

*An Interview with Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,
by Samuel Crowther*



HIGH taxes are due to just two reasons. The first is the belief that the other fellow pays them or can be made to pay them. The second is the belief that in public affairs we can regulate our expenses by what we want and not, as in private affairs, by what we can afford to buy.

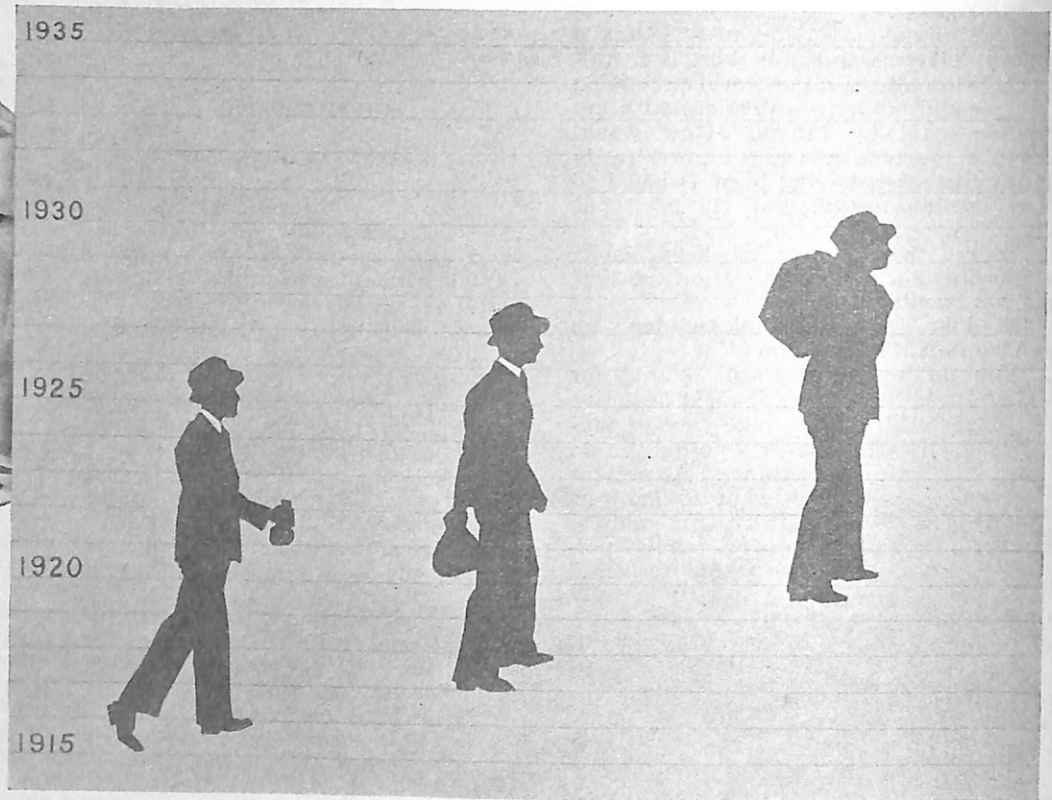
The other fellow does not pay your taxes—although he may get all the tax bills. The big corporations do not really pay the heavy taxes which are so freely levied on them. The rich do not really pay the taxes for which they have to send their checks.

The corporations think they pay taxes, and the tax item is a very serious one in every corporation budget. The rich also think that they pay taxes, and the very few who can be called rich in these days have a hard time finding the funds to meet their tax assessments. And the death duties are so high that many who thought themselves heirs to considerable estates discover that they are only agents for the tax gatherers.

It would be very hard to convince any of the heavily taxed corporations or individuals that they do not really pay their taxes, for they have daily evidence to the exact contrary. It is equally hard to convince the man in the street who thinks he pays no taxes that the other fellow is not paying them for him. It is impossible to convince the army of people now subsisting on governmental allowances that they are not living on money taken from the wealthy.

When I say that the apparently most heavily taxed do not pay their taxes, I am not referring to the tax evasions that one hears so much about. Neither the large corporation nor the rich man can evade taxes except within the provisions of the law—their affairs are too closely examined and checked. The evading or non-evading of taxes has nothing to do with who in the end pays them, and the hullabaloo about putting teeth into tax bills is only so much more evidence of the notion that the other fellow can be made to pay the taxes.

Anyway, all the legitimate and illegitimate evasion of corporate and of income taxes put together do not amount to more than a fraction of the losses through the evasion of the gaso-



line tax. That, however, is another matter. The vital point is that, no matter who apparently pays taxes, they actually can come from only one source—the production of the country. There is no escaping from that.

Everyone, after only a moment's reasoning, must realize that a corporation, for instance, is not a thing of itself but a kind of pool of the interests of its workers and management, its stockholders, and its consuming public. No corporation can, over a period of years, earn an inordinately high percentage of profit. Abnormally high sales in one year may result in very large profits, but they will be offset by abnormally low sales in another year. High prices do not bring high profits because not only do they cut down volume but also they promote competition.

Every man in business knows that high prices cannot be wangled out of wages, for, all other considerations aside, low wages bring bad workmanship and also, of course, low wages limit the markets by limiting the buying power of the workers. A heavy corporate tax in a good year may in part be paid out of profits. But if profits, and therefore dividends, are eliminated, a large buying power is withdrawn from the stockholders and this finds its reflection in a lower rate of business for the corporation, and hence in unemployment.

Thus, the men who work for wages pay the tax by going without jobs. Or, if the work be spread, by losing an amount in their weekly envelopes. If the tax be added to price, then sales fall—and again the workmen suffer.

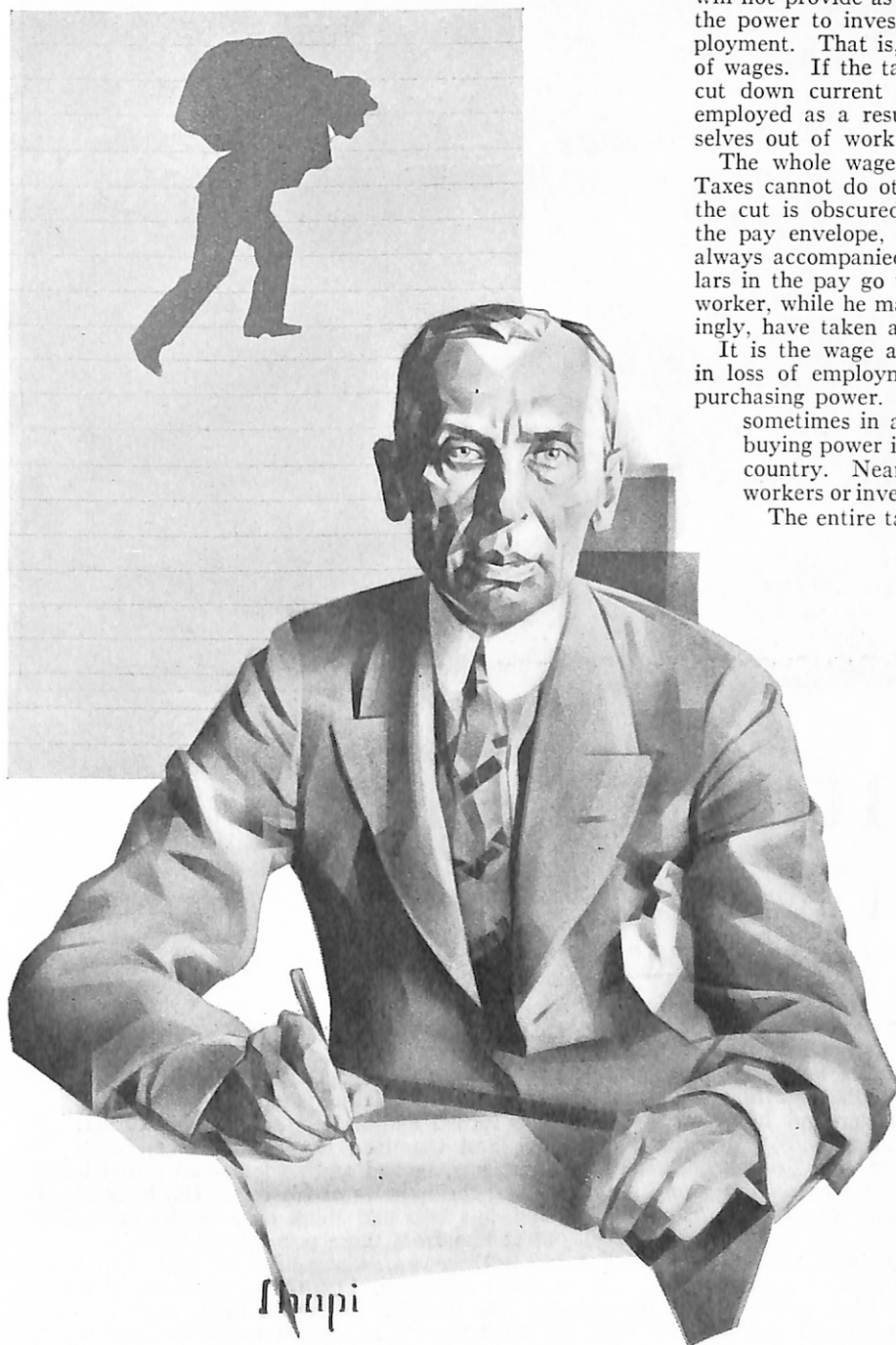
A corporate management never lowers wages by the amount of the tax it pays, but in the end it is the workers who really pay the bill. No one wills that the workers should pay the bill. But there is just no one else to pay it. For they are at the point of production—and it is the production that pays.

Soaking the rich is a favorite pastime. But here again the

Whom Do You Really Soak?

President, General Motors Corporation

Illustrated by Shapi



worker pays. A very rich man can under no circumstances spend his entire income. It might be better if he could, but there are physical limits to expenditure, so most of the men who are called wealthy save far more than they spend. They buy bonds, stocks and real estate, and these stocks, bonds and pieces of real estate add to the capital account of the country and provide work for men. If the amount that they would ordinarily invest is taken by taxes, then private industry loses that much capital—and employs fewer men.

The Government cannot spend its money in the same manner as private industry, for it has no sound method of using money in self-sustaining enterprises. Therefore a Government dollar will not provide as many jobs as a private dollar. Taxing away the power to invest thus cannot do other than promote unemployment. That is, the worker indirectly pays the taxes by loss of wages. If the tax on the rich is so heavy as to force them to cut down current expenditures, then the men who have been employed as a result of those current expenditures find themselves out of work.

The whole wage bill of the country is cut down by taxes. Taxes cannot do otherwise than cut it down. Often the size of the cut is obscured by the raising of the number of dollars in the pay envelope, but these rises in periods of high taxes are always accompanied by higher general prices, so, while the dollars in the pay go up, the purchasing power goes down and the worker, while he may think he has had a pay rise, may, unknowingly, have taken a pay cut.

It is the wage and salary earner who always pays the taxes in loss of employment, in lowered dollar wages or in lowered purchasing power. Sometimes the worker pays in one way and sometimes in another. But always he pays, and his lack of buying power is felt by every business, large and small, in the country. Nearly all of us are workers, but whether we are workers or investors, we go up and down with the wage earner.

The entire tax bill of the nation today is roughly reckoned at fifteen billion dollars—including Federal, State and local taxes. It is difficult to get at the exact amount because of the multitude of taxing agencies, and it is not to the interest of politicians to let the citizens know actually how much they are paying. Strangely enough, the great business of government muddles along with hardly more than a glorified cash account. It has none of that book-keeping without which even a small business could not exist.

FIFTEEN BILLION DOLLARS would have been a serious item in 1928 and 1929 when our national income was running in the neighborhood of ninety billion dollars. But now, when our national income can hardly be more than forty-five billion dollars, taking a third of that income for taxes simply means ruin.

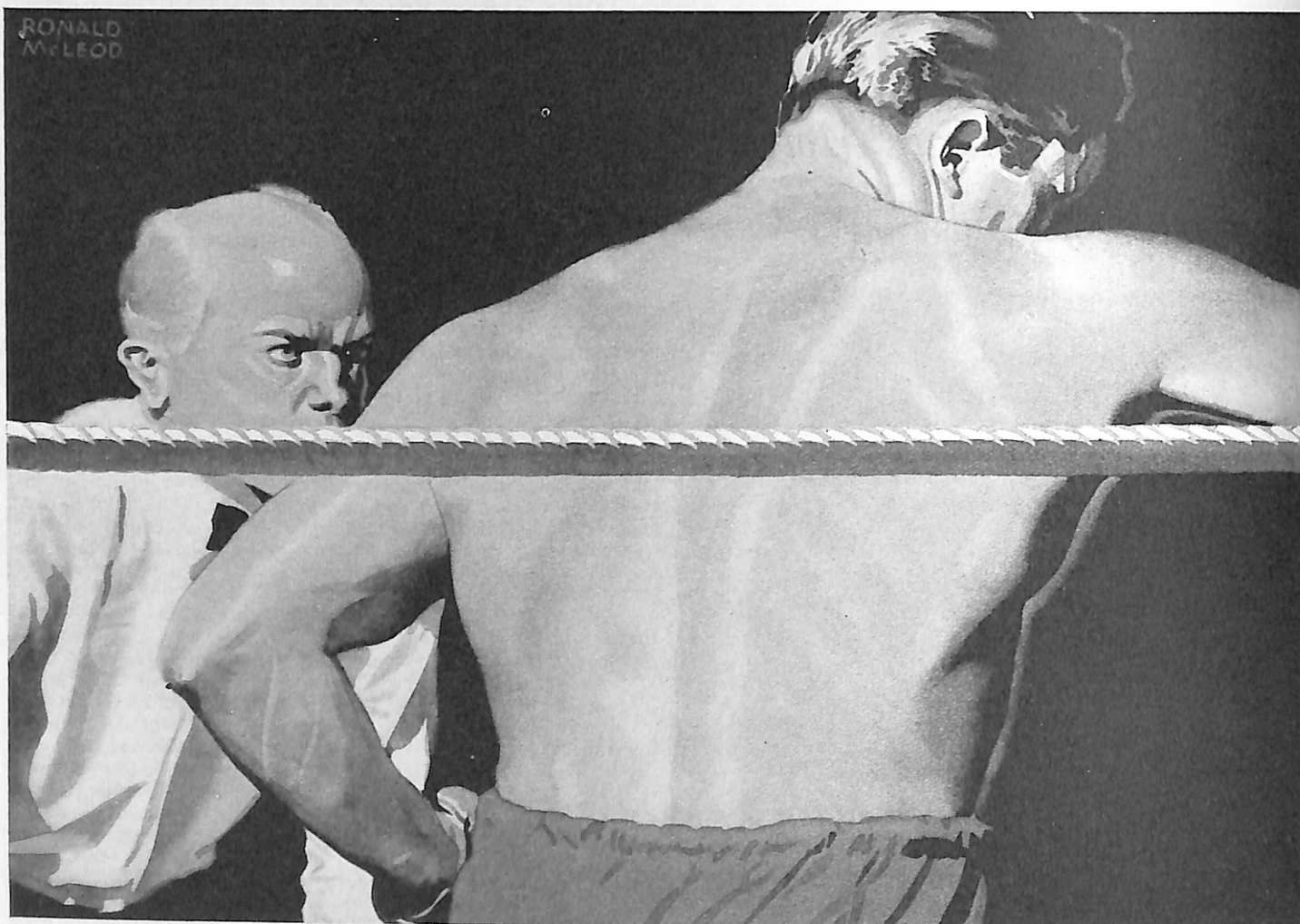
Who would be ruined? The rich? The present rich would in part be wiped out, but they would be replaced by a new rich. For, as everyone knows, a certain number of men will get rich under any and all conditions. The very poor would not be wiped out. They have nothing to lose. The blow would fall directly on the great life-giving group of the country—on those citizens with incomes running up to, say, five or ten thousand dollars a year, who are neither very rich nor very poor and from whom come the brains and the purchasing power of the land. They are

the country's real producers.

It is the ordinary, respectable, hard-working citizen, hoping to provide for his family and himself and have a little something over for old age, who will be crushed down if the present taxes continue. And once this country is composed only of the very rich and the very poor, it is done for.

If anyone does not know what such a country would be like, let him turn his eyes on China and India. The Orient has only

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Fighter's Feud

by Edward Shenton

Illustrated by Ronald McLeod

WHEN Denny Harper, the ex-champ, entered the ring, a few hard guys in the upper galleries gave him the bird, but the rest of the house stood up, shouting and clapping. He looked awfully good, standing there in the glittering light, the same dark blue bath robe wrapped around him, outlining his broad shoulders and graceful tapering body. It was a little uncanny seeing him again, smiling and shaking his bandaged hands over his head, looking exactly as on the night five years before when he had retired undefeated middle-weight champion of the world.

The applause went on and on while he stood there, smiling. It must have made him feel good to look out on that mob all yelling and friendly and pulling for him. You wouldn't think he had an enemy in the place—until you glanced at the fighter in the opposite corner, leaning against the angle of the ropes and laughing at the ex-champ. He laughed with his head thrown back and all his square white teeth showing. Above his laughing mouth, his eyes were hard and mirthless and glazed with hatred. He never moved while the ex-champ walked across the ring, held out his hand and said: Hello, Joe!

Then Joe Crawford thrust out his own hand, because everyone was watching, and sort of shoved the ex-champ's hand aside, viciously, as though the anger in him made it impos-

sible for the younger man to pretend to control his muscles. "I been waitin' a long time for this," he said.

The two stood staring at each other, and everybody in the ring was looking at them. Neither of them spoke again.

The ex-champ turned and walked back to his corner. He lifted his hands and examined the bandages carefully. He looked along his arms, tanned and smooth, and raised briskly on his toes, flexing the muscles of his legs. His body seemed light and strong, but he could think only of the hatred that had struck out at him from those pale, glazed eyes.

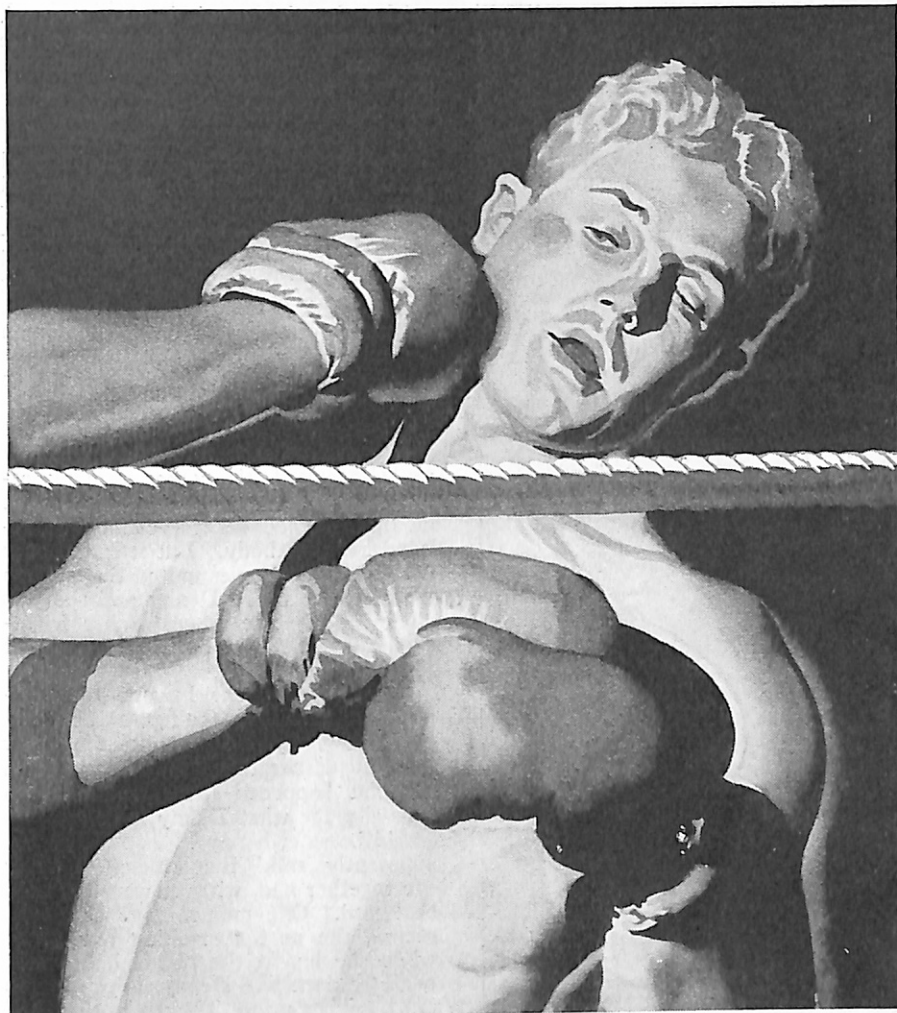
For a moment there was a sensation of fear deep within him. It vanished instantly, but there remained a residue of uncertainty. He thought, "After all these years . . . he still feels the same way." It seemed incredible, and a little monstrous. He felt shaken, as though he had come, unexpectedly, upon something extraordinary and dangerous.

Nothing of this was evident in his unhurried manner, or his calm smile, as he held out his hands to have the unsoiled yellow gloves laced upon them.

Here and there in the packed house was a man who remembered the first time Denny Harper fought Joe Crawford.

"Pop" Bradley remembered very well. He had refereed that bout and each detail returned clear and vivid, although it had happened twelve years ago.

They had fought as amateurs at the old Columbia A. C.



Something snapped in his head, and all the details of the ring were suddenly blurred

One of the functions of that almost forgotten club had been to provide a place where personal quarrels could be settled. It had been an honorable custom and the source of many fine fights that cost "Chesty" Hogan, promoter and owner, nothing.

"Pop" Bradley recalled the afternoon Denny and Joe came into "Chesty's" office. "Pop" knew Joe as a stubborn, rather sullen young fellow who had boxed in various amateur tournaments; Denny he had never seen before. Joe was big even then. His shoulders bulked in his coat. He kept his square pale face thrust toward Harper and it was blanched with hatred. It startled "Pop" to see a face hating so terribly. Denny ignored Joe. Dark and contained he waited easily, looking slender beside Crawford, and as young, although he must have been four or five years older. They wanted to fight, but neither would say why. Joe shook his head angrily. Denny smiled. "All right," "Chesty" said. "Friday night. Four rounds."

Joe left without a word. Denny said, "Thanks," and went out closing the door gently behind him. "Pop" looked at "Chesty" and said, "That's a funny one." Only he meant that it was strange.

The fight was even stranger.

Now, after twelve years, "Pop" Bradley's blood ran cold, remembering. Crawford was like a great white cat gone suddenly mad. He did not walk, he pounced. His gloved hands slashed the air. His face was contorted. Through the slit of his mouth came a stream of inarticulate sound.

And nothing did him any good.

When he pounced, there was no one there; when his gloves rent the thick air, they met only the haze of tobacco smoke; and when he paused, even for an instant, something flicked with the speed of light. An invisible something, it lashed

out at him; there was a cracking thud, and his head rocked dizzily, or a red splotch appeared upon his pale body.

Presently he bled. First his nose bled, and then he bled from the mouth. His mouth began to swell, and the red spot on his ribs spread and darkened. It was toward the end of the third round he began to sob. "Pop" Bradley recalled how the sound had made his flesh crinkle and stirred the hair along his neck. It gave him the creeps to hear that boy sobbing with rage and baffled hatred.

Then, in the wild fury of the fight, the heads of the two crashed together. A spurt of blood descended in a red veil over Crawford's face. He staggered back, pawing at his eyes, blinded and helpless. Denny dropped his hands, waiting. Joe lunged toward him, seeing dimly, through the streaming blood. Denny evaded the clumsy rush, pinned Joe's arms and glanced at Bradley. "Pop" stepped between, and stopped the fight.

"Let go," snarled Joe. "I'm all right. Let go."

"Some other time," Bradley said.

CRAWFORD tore free, shaking his crimsoned head, seeking Denny. His seconds leaped into the ring, and with Bradley's help dragged him, still fighting, to his corner.

Denny went over and said:

"Are we quits?"

Joe lifted his bloody, incredulous face. He put his gloved hand to his mouth, and mumbled:

"Never. What I said don't stop with this. You and me won't never be quits."

"Never," thought Pop Bradley, "is a long time; but twelve years is a long time, too."

There was a pause, everyone silent, as the gong rang.

Crawford pounced. He seemed to cross the ring in one bound. His thick arms were close to his sides, elbows bent, ready to hook with either hand. He hooked left and right into thin air. The ex-champ's jab snapped his head back. Crawford wiped his mouth with his glove and looked at Harper out of eyes opaque with fury.

Three times he leaped forward. The ex-champ's left arm came up with the regularity of a lever attached to some finely balanced machine. It formed a wall, behind which he side-stepped and retreated. He was high on his toes, and his movements were the rhythm of a dance. It was beautiful to watch. The crowd stood up yelling. The round went on at a breathless pace. Crawford never laid a glove on Denny's body. The five years of retirement seemed to have robbed him of nothing. The uncertainty was gone; he felt confident and secure. He paced the fight; his jab was perfectly timed, and his judgment of distance unerring. Only once did he use that famous one-two. When he did, his right hand followed the jab so fast that only those close to the ring knew what had happened. Crawford knew, though. Something snapped in his head, and all the details of the ring were suddenly blurred. He had a quick, awful fear that they wouldn't come clear again. They did instantly. The punch had landed on his cheek. The side of his face and his neck felt paralyzed. The hatred flowed back into his brain and his lips, already a little swollen, curled, showing the mouthpiece protecting his teeth. He lashed out, left and right, and took three jabs in an effort to get close, to land one solid punch. Oh, Christ, to slug just once, that dark, watchful face . . . The bell rang and Denny turned away quickly, smiling a little and smoothing with one gloved hand the undisturbed, dark cap of his hair.

Both fighters saw the girl at the same instant. She came down the aisle and the massed rows of spectators emphasized

her solitary passage. Denny recognized, incredulously, her familiar features; the dark eyes, the serene, level brows, her full mouth, unsmiling, the delicate, strangely pallid oval of her face.

When she knew that he had seen her, she gestured briefly and sat down behind the press row. Once seated, she opened her bag and passed a handkerchief across her lips. Then she smiled up into Denny's amazed face and he knew she was there because she loved him and was afraid.

SHE did not look toward Crawford but his gaze never left her. Above his drawn hating mouth his eyes were triumphant. He edged forward on the stool. The bell rang and the two fighters moved out into the ring. Joe turned from watching the girl. He jerked his hand toward her and laughed at Denny.

Crawford did not laugh again. He was on his feet when the round ended only because he was strong and in perfect condition.

The crowd was electrified. For a long time they had seen nothing like this. It was perfection they were witnessing, a superb performance. No one shouted and no one was seated from bell to bell. As the ex-champ walked to his corner, the released sound seemed to rend the steel girders of the roof.

"Everything's working great," Denny said to his manager.

"Easy, easy!" answered Morgan. "This Crawford's a strong finisher."

Denny glanced down at the girl, Nora, his wife. He tried to tell her that everything was working great and there was no reason to be afraid. But he saw she did not understand and that she was trying not to let him know of the fear within her.

At the end of the third round, Crawford dropped heavily on his stool. A handler held his trunks away so the reviving breaths could fill the limit of his lungs. Another worked deftly upon his swollen, bleeding mouth. He scarcely noticed them. He was alone, shut-in by the hatred he had carried with him night and day for all those years.

He had waited a long time for this. He had suffered and denied himself. What of all those days in filthy little gyms, gasping in foul hot air, sopping his sweating body with one dirty towel, lying on a rubbing table reeking of the weary bodies of other penniless boxers, black and white? What of the struggle to get a start? Hanging around the miserable clubs, getting a chance to substitute, maybe; taking a beating, earning fifty dollars and paying it all out, to handlers, to doc to sew up a cut mouth, training expenses. What of never getting the right food, or being able to live out where wind and sun could build his body? What of reading about Denny Harper, fighting hand-picked matches, going up and up, while he fought anybody, anywhere, for whatever he could get.

Wasn't that reason enough to hate his guts? Yeah, but that wasn't the reason he hated him. Nobody knew the real reason, only him an' Denny and one other.



Nora tried to smile. Jake noticed her hands. She was tearing her handkerchief, slowly, unknowingly. Her gaze passed over his head up to the ring

The fourth round Denny coasted. The crowd, aroused by the speed of the previous rounds, settled back, relaxed, became impatient. This was subtle where the others were pretentious; this was only for the eye of the elect; that infinitesimal movement of Denny's head as he slipped a punch, the beautiful blocking, the roll of his body, robbing the blows of their fury, the careful, untiring use of the ring. The whole round took scarcely more effort than walking up a flight of stairs. At the gong, Denny was in his own corner. Morgan shoved the stool under him and he sat down while Crawford still stood above him, staring in baffled hatred.

Nora existed only for that moment at the end of each round when Denny walked toward his corner, smiling assurance down at her. In the contact of that hurried glance, confidence relaxed her taut body. But it lasted only the instant their eyes united them. Then the fight reclaimed Denny and she was alone again. The pound of her frightened heart beat in her blood and she remembered. . . .

Remembering, she became two people, one intent upon the figure of Denny, half-hidden by his seconds, the other thinking desperately, "If only so much had not happened there would be no necessity for what Denny is doing. We would be safe, happy. . . ." But the apparently solid foundations of their life together had, without warning, been shattered. One moment she had been secure, the next everything was gone; while she lay in the hospital, her son, quaintly dark like Denny, asleep in the circle of her arm. The excitement had penetrated even there; she heard nurses and doctors talking of the stock-market, tumbling values, panic and disaster. When she questioned Denny he told her not to worry. She couldn't have worried anyway, she was still exhausted and absorbed in strangeness and wonder.

It was not until she was home again and stronger, that she realized the full extent of the cataclysm. Where there had been plenty, practically nothing remained. The house was still there, but for how long Denny could not tell. It was then Denny had told her what he intended doing.

"There's nothing else," he said. "If I can clean up fifty thousand. . . ."

He lifted his strong square fighter's hands.

"With these," he said, and bending, kissed her.

That night the fear returned, and every night after, until tonight it possessed every part of her. She had always known something like this would happen. . . . And she loved Denny. She loved him so much, so much. . . .

There was something indomitable about the ex-champ as he came out for the fifth round, a kind of deadly ease that concealed what was actually happening. The crowd saw Crawford rush, saw him checked suddenly in mid-stride, noted the spreading bruises on his pale body and the steady drip of blood from his mouth, without being aware of the punches. (Continued on page 32)



RAY LEE JACKSON

Gladys Swarthout, above, the beautiful American operatic soprano, will doubtless be heard many times in the regular Saturday afternoon broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. These NBC programs, surprisingly enough, are sponsored by Lucky Strike

Men may come and men may go but Ed Wynn goes on forever. At the right we see him with his stooge, Graham McNamee, on a Tuesday evening at 9:30 rehearsing their tomfoolery before giggling it into NBC's mike. The program remains one of the entertainment world's biggest drawing cards



The inimitable Fire Chief, caricatured by X. Cugat, the Waldorf's bandleader

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RAY LEE JACKSON

Sponsored by a bath salt or mouth wash or something equally useful, America's favorite tenor, John McCormack, sings for NBC. His handsome phiz ornaments the space above



MAURICE SEYMOUR

The smoothest of the Three Smoothies is Babs Ryan, above. The Three Smoothies, in case you don't know it, are the trio who, for Columbia's Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, sing harmony so close that it is practically adjacent

The goings on at Princeton depicted in "She Loves Me Not," the comedy by Howard Lindsay, may astonish dignified alumni of that University. The irregularities begin when a music hall dancer bursts into the rooms of an earnest young undergraduate and begs sanctuary from the results of a little shooting party. His misguided chivalry brings a chapter of highly diverting complications in its train. One such is the advent of Charles D. Brown, a newspaper sleuth and Robert Bentzen, his cameraman, who are shown here in the act of photographing Polly Walters, the missing murder witness. It's all very improbable but very amusing, and it's packing them in



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Behind the Footlights



VANDAMM

"All Good Americans," by Laura and S. J. Perelman is greatly helped by the suave flippancy and blond pulchritude of Hope Williams, pictured above in her favorite Paris bar with Fred Keating. She is the leading spirit in a group of Bohemian expatriates who conceal their heartaches with a camouflage of bright and acid quips. Miss Williams and the gay badinage of her followers are the saving graces of a comedy that is just a little bit weak in plot



VANDAMM

"The Lake," by Dorothy Massingham and Murray MacDonald, enjoyed a great success in England and has as its star, Katharine Hepburn, who recently made such a sensational rise to fame on the screen. The drama, though intelligent and interesting, has large arid spaces and Miss Hepburn, pictured above in her bridal finery, is glamorous, but gives an uneven performance. Colin Clive, Frances Starr and Lionel Pape, the other members of the group, are all splendidly cast



The dark and devious ways of a medical impostor are the theme of the picture entitled "Bedside." The personable Warren William (extreme left) plays the malpractitioner who, as you might expect in a characterization by this popular actor, has a few redeeming instincts. The other members of the trio pictured here are Donald Meek, who formerly enjoyed a considerable popularity on the Broadway stage, and Jean Muir, Mr. William's good angel

and on the Screen

Reviews by
Esther R. Bien

Francis Lederer, strolling with Elissa Landi (right), is the handsome young European actor who went to Hollywood following the phenomenal success he scored on Broadway in the play called "Autumn Crocus." In "Man of Two Worlds" he is a mighty young Eskimo hunter whose strange fate leads him to adventure in an English garden



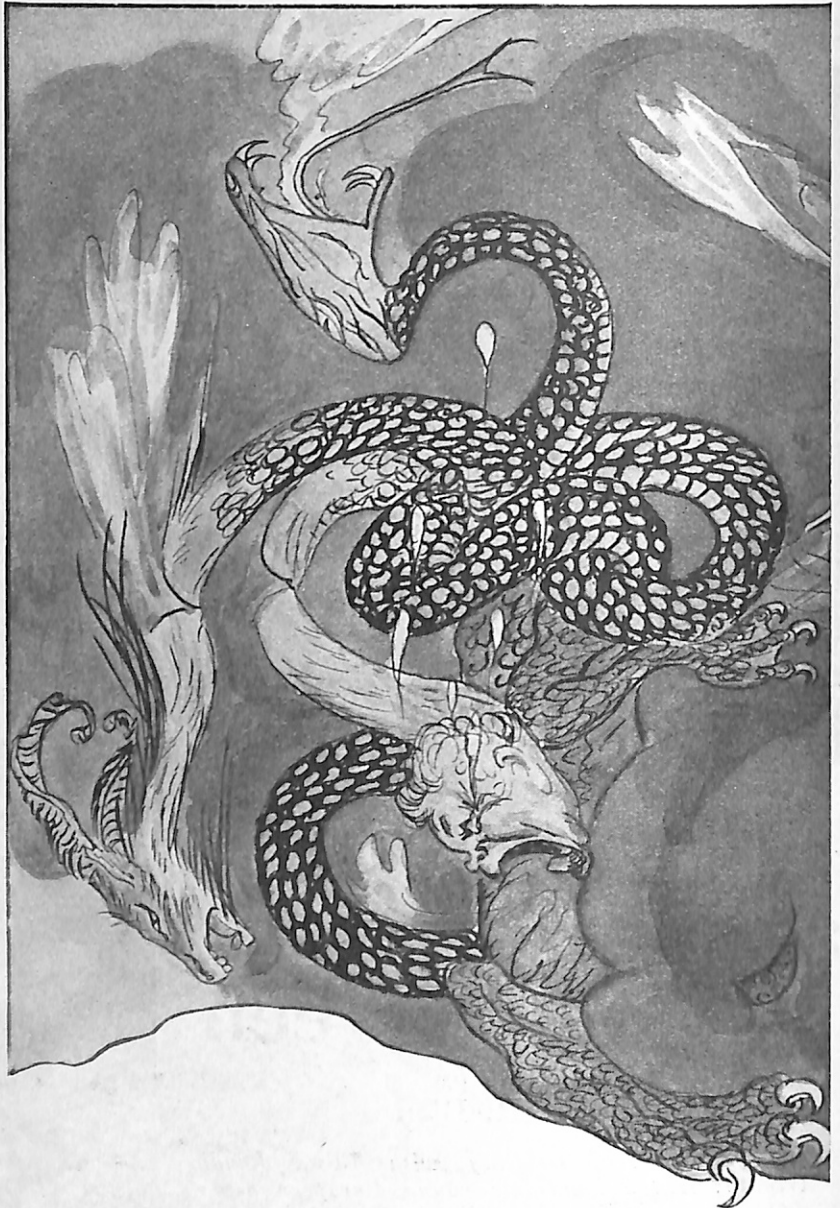
There's a screen play coming called "Six of a Kind" and the sextet involved are pictured at the left: Charlie Ruggles, Mary Boland, W. C. Fields, Alison Skipworth, George Burns and Gracie Allen. A bank robbery, mad driving and a western holdup are a few of its incidents

How to Live a Happy Life

Anonymous

Illustrated by Bob Dean

This is the third and final article by this anonymous author in what might well be termed "A Trilogy on Happiness." The first article dealt primarily with spiritual values; the second with the physical aspects involved in the eternal pursuit of happiness in which all of us are engaged. In this magnificent display of faith and fortitude the author discusses the mental side—the right viewpoint toward the achievement of fruitful living



IN the first part of this discussion of The Management of Happiness I made the statement that I—crippled, deafened and severely diabetic—would probably live longer than most men who are at present in perfect health. As unreasonable as that declaration would seem, I believe that I logically demonstrated its truth. I shall prove it even more conclusively by remaining alive and energetic, adding year to year, decade to decade, until a mellow old age shall be my reward for proper management.

I mentioned, also, that I am undoubtedly happier than most people. Perhaps you will find that to be an even larger pill to swallow, especially when you remember the many real afflictions that I must forever carry. But if you will read on, I shall convince you.

It is not my desire to conceal my object in writing thus intimately about myself. I want to leave with you a deeply-impressed reflection; I want to make you say to yourself:

"If he can be happy under such conditions as are an inseparable part of his life—what about me? He is a cripple, and I am straight-limbed and strong. He is deafened, and I have good hearing. He has an incurable disease, and I am well. He has known the suffering and the anguish of all these afflictions; he has even to travel on alone without the companionship of the wife he loved. My life has been relatively easy."

That is the thought I want to leave with you. I want to make you feel ashamed of every harried frown which you allow to crease your brow, of every tear you shed, of every sensation of humiliation, fear, envy and self-pity that overcomes you—in short, I want to make you ashamed to be unhappy.

I cannot tell you how to be happy. I cannot give you a recipe that contains the precise ingredients of a state of mind. Only in a most general way can I tell you to do this, or not to do that, so that you will be happy.

I have read a great deal of literature purporting to tell me just how I could find happiness. Some of these panaceas are material; some are spiritual. One assured me that if I developed my Personality—whatever that may be—and then utilized it in business or a profession, I'd become very wealthy. Hence, I'd be a happy man. The trouble with that is, the possession of money has never given me a single moment of what is happiness to me. When I have a good bit of it, it makes possible certain material comforts. But such pleasures are insignificant beside the sheer happiness that I derive from other sources.

Another treatise offered me happiness in the ethereal form of Hope. I couldn't be happy—no one could—on earth. But Hereafter . . . That was not for me, either. To be willing to be miserable until leaving this mortal coil is too much to ask of a man who is determined to live to be a hundred years old. Calmly patient when patience is indicated, yet I am somewhat the spoilt child about having happiness right now. I don't mean that I cry for it. Instead, I take the molding clay of circumstances and I create it.

When my little boy models out of clay a form which he assures me is a duck, the object does not always look like a duck to me. But he has set about molding a duck; to him it resembles a duck; to him, indeed, it is a duck. The world's most gifted sculptor could not create a truer duck, insofar as my son is concerned.



In my flight astride Pegasus, I have not neglected to wear a parachute or two

The general rule in the philosophy of Descartes is that "all things which are very clearly and distinctly conceived are true." Individual happiness, to be true, must be very clearly and distinctly conceived by each person for himself. That is why happiness is only a state of mind. That is why neither I nor any one else can give you a recipe for it.

There are, however, a few generalities that apply to the lives of all psychologically normal human beings. After a fashion, they are the basic ingredients of happiness; but just as no two persons have identical fingerprints, though all fingertips are traced by the same kind of lines, so do these ingredients exist in as many permutations and combinations as there are individual lives. To put it another way, I can tell you that the basic ingredients of all foods are some combination of protein, fat, carbohydrate, water, mineral salts and vitamins. But that could scarcely be called a tested recipe for chicken à la king.

Here, then, are the basic ingredients of human happiness:

1. Security

2. Adaptability and accomplishment

3. Love and admiration

I cannot tell you how to utilize them. I can only explain how I, recognizing the vital need of them, have managed to combine them with the bitter circumstances of my life to concoct the sweet and savory dish that is my happiness.

SECURITY! Considering that first essential ingredient you would probably believe that so far as being happy goes, I am done for. When you think of security you think of two seemingly integral factors of security—robust health and an ample supply of money. A lack of them usually gives rise to that complex fear—of invalidism, of death, of poverty and a state of destitution—which is a cause of unhappiness.

I have no such fear to disturb the placidity of my state of mind. I have already told you how I manage diabetes. I live hygienically. I give my body the expert care that is due so intricate and delicately balanced a machine. I am



They gave my persecutor the bum's rush

unafraid of an early death because I avoid committing those follies that cause an early death and attend scrupulously to those important little things that make for the prolongation of life. A reader, at this point, may remind me that, even so, life is very uncertain. "There are germs! A bolt of lightning may strike me! My train may be wrecked!" I commend that reader to the care of a specialist, for he is neurotic.

Having acquired, through physical management, the security of existence, what of that other kind—the security of living? "Of course," you may say, "you have taken care of that. You have probably made your pile and have it safely put away. That is why you feel secure about the future."

You would be wrong. I have no invested capital. In terms of money, I have no cached resources. I say that, not with any particular pride, but simply as a matter of fact. A discussion of the good or the evil of the capitalistic system has no place in this article which deals with individual, not collective, happiness. The only point of it I wish to emphasize is that I could have gained no real sense of security by having amassed a fortune. Have business men no fear that they may lose their businesses? Do their employees never fear for their jobs? Do capitalists never tremble at the thought of losing their investments?

A true, lasting sense of security must be built on a foundation that cannot be shaken. It must be anchored to something that cannot be lost.

Recall that I said, "In terms of money, I have no cached resources." I began saving up for a rainy day, so to speak, at that distant time when I asked my first childish "Why?" question. Through the years I have kept on asking, "Why?"; and instead of squandering the answers in forgetfulness, I have carefully put them away in the vault of my memory to be added to the accumulated capital of my knowledge. The answers were not always easy to obtain. Usually I had to learn How before I could know Why. So I learned how to do many different things.

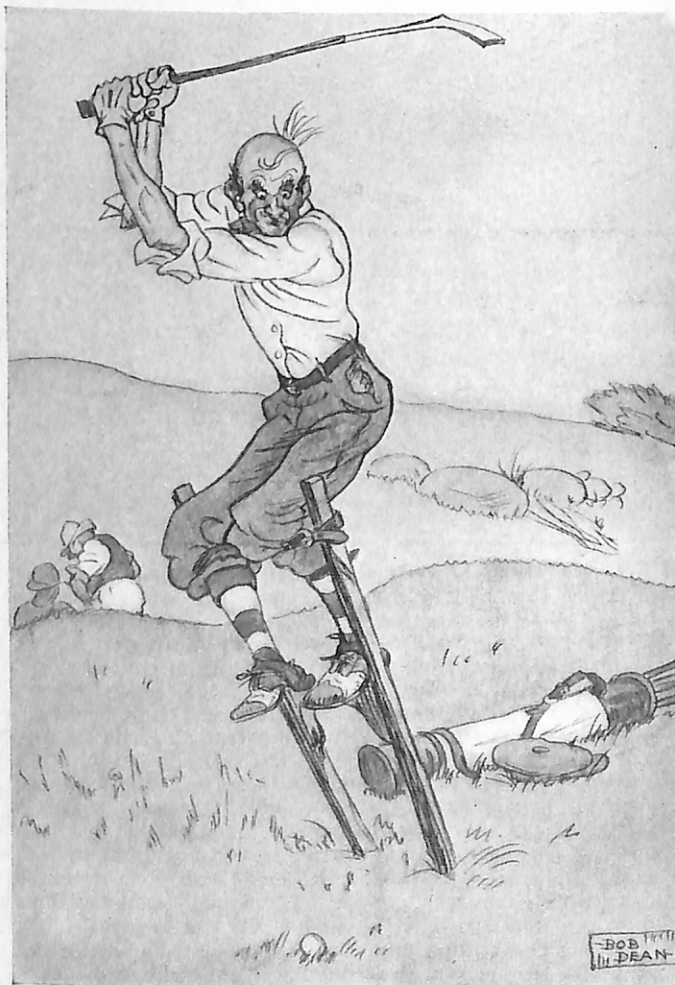
DESIRING to be an author, my chief training and application have been directed toward that end. But even in my profession I have been careful not to specialize. I write fiction of many types—the love story, the sport story, the adventure yarn, the mystery novel, the humorous story, even the tragic—and also I write essays like this one. I am purposely versatile. No doubt this lack of specialization has limited my renown and, hence, my income. But therein, I believe, lies my security. I'd rather have a smaller income forever than a larger income for a little while. Should I specialize, let us say, on stories of the boxing ring, what would happen to me when public interest in boxing waned? Some

years ago I was dangerously near becoming widely known for my pugilistic yarns. They were becoming rather popular. Editors said to me, "Let us have a boxing story." I was beginning to be referred to as a sports writer; so I called a halt. I have not written a story about prize fighters for nearly five years.

I keep alive my zest for life by cultivating a diversity of interests. I, like everyone else, was taught that a jack of all trades is master of none. But rather than be the master of my trade, I prefer to be the master of my happiness. I have some difficulty in differentiating my work from my play. It is all play for me. I never permit my work to grow irksome or my play to become monotonous. After so many hours a day at my typewriter, I turn to some other interesting activity. In the city where I live, I am the local representative of a well-known make of hearing device. When I am not writing, I call on "the trade"—my brothers and sisters in deafness—or meet them by appointment at my office. I persuade them to buy the hearing aid I offer because I know that it will help them as it helps me. I have learned the secret of successful salesmanship, whether the product to be sold be earphones, automobiles or lead pencils: Sincerity, honesty, truthfulness and dependability.

I have found any number of things to do in my spare time. I learned how to cook, because the culinary art is a useful one and, to me, good fun. For years I have done all the repairs on my automobile and, in a pinch, I could repair the cars of others, for money. I am a trained dietitian and have written quite a bit on the subject. From time to time during the past eight years, I have been associated with national advertising. At the present time, when I am not writing stories, articles or books, or attending to my earphone business, I turn to writing a radio program that goes on the air twice a week.

Of course, all of that may be (Continued on page 35)



Learning how to play golf was even more difficult than boxing

The Prize Winners in the National Bridge Tournament

By Bede Armstrong

Card Editor

THE Elks National Bridge Tournament is now a matter of history. There were 545 Lodges entered. The interest was widespread, no section of the country being without representation. Over 30,000 Elks and their friends took part in the affair.

The selection of the champions proved to be quite a task, as the playing was of a very high standard and the competition extremely keen. In every division the selection of the winners had to go beyond the par scores and be decided by both the bidding and playing. The standard by which these pairs were determined was the version furnished by the sixteen leading authorities who supplied the hands for the Tournament.

In addition to having their names inscribed upon the Memorial Trophy, each member of the winning teams in both the Auction and Contract Divisions will be awarded a handsome National Championship Trophy.

IN the Contract Division the North and South national prize winning pair was Bernard Magruder and Edwin Hofheimer of Racine, Wisconsin, with a total of 15 pars. They had very close contenders in the teams of B. P. Alshuler and A. R. Buttrey of Aurora, Illinois; Sam O'Connell and Thomas Gallagher of Holyoke, Mass.; and V. F. Boland and J. H. Law of Cleveland, Ohio. The decision was placed with the Racine team as a result of their finishing with more bids and contracts in the declarations given in the sixteen experts' analyses.

The contest between the East and West contract pairs was exceptionally keen, with nine teams tied on the par score figures. The winning team, Mrs. H. M. White and Mrs. T. A. Bath of Ely, Nevada, with 14 pars, held first place by a very slight margin over the following contenders: Mrs. Ray McCullough and Mrs. Ernest M. Cole of New Philadelphia, Ohio; M. J. Formhals and Dr. P. J. Wendel of Ottawa, Illinois; Mrs. Simmons and L. Welch of Canton, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gordon of Plattsburg, New York; Harry E. Baker and A. H. Millard of Monrovia, California; Mr. and Mrs. Nate Orange of Bradford, Pennsylvania; Miss Geraldine Dewey and Mrs. E. S. Hamaker of Nampa, Idaho; and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jones of Dixon, Illinois.

In the Auction Division the high North and South pair was A. H. Hanneken and Floyd Smith of Dixon, Illinois, with a total

of 14 pars. They just nosed out Mrs. B. Malik and Pres Neville of Richmond, California, and Mrs. Edwin Wood and Mrs. Ansgar Johnson of Boise, Idaho.

The winning East and West auction pair was W. Draper and M. E. Johnson of (Continued on page 42)



A Prize Will Be Given to Every Elk Who Submits the Correct Solutions to the Two Problems Below:

Problem No. 9. Submit your version of the correct bidding and play of this hand. Contract bridge, North and South vulnerable. South dealer. The solution will be published next month.

♠ A-J-10-7-5-3
♥ 8-6-4
♦ K-J
♣ Q-J

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♠ Q-9-8-6
♥ A-K-Q
♦ 8-5-3
♣ 7-5-4

♠ 2
♥ J-10-9-5
♦ 7-6-4-2
♣ 8-6-3-2

♠ K-4
♥ 7-3-2
♦ A-Q-10-9
♣ A-K-10-9

Problem No. 10. Hearts are trump. South has the lead. How many tricks can you take against any defense by East and West? Give your version of the correct play.

♠ 5-3
♥ None
♦ K-6-4-3
♣ 8

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♠ Q-6-4
♥ 10
♦ Q-10-8
♣ None

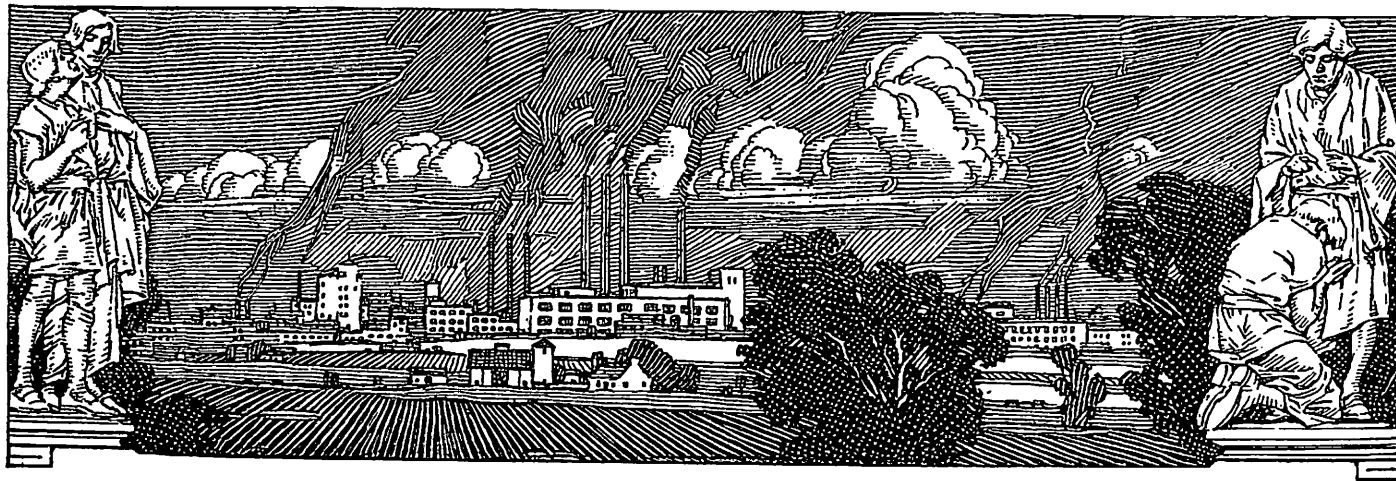
♠ 10-8
♥ 8-2
♦ J-9-7
♣ None

♠ J-7
♥ Q-3
♦ A-5
♣ 7

Send your answers to both problems to Bede Armstrong, Card Editor, THE ELKS MAGAZINE, 2750 Lake View Avenue, Chicago, Ill. They must reach him before the first of March, 1934.



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EDITORIAL

AN APPROPRIATE BIRTHDAY PRESENT

IT is assumed that the subordinate lodges have responded to the suggestion of the Grand Exalted Ruler, contained in his Official Circular No. 4, and that each one of them has been actively engaged in securing desirable applicants for the Sixty-fifth Anniversary Class, to be initiated during the ten days of this month set apart by him for the purpose.

The time so designated begins with Lincoln's Birthday on the twelfth, includes the Order's Birthday on the sixteenth, and ends with Washington's Birthday on the twenty-second. By virtue of this trio of natal anniversaries the period is one of peculiar patriotic and fraternal interest.

A birthday is a recognized event in every life. It is quite customary to celebrate it in some appropriate manner; and a not unusual incident is the presentation of gifts to the celebrant. Surely no more fitting gifts could be made to the Order on its approaching sixty-fifth birthday, than the timely initiation of a class of new members, or the reinstatement of former members, in each one of the subordinate lodges. The fact that such gifts would be primarily beneficial to the donor lodges only adds to their appropriateness and value.

It is to be hoped that sincere and interested effort will be made in each lodge to insure its generous contribution to the Sixty-fifth Anniversary Class. If this be done the Class will be a splendid birthday present from her children to the mother fraternity.

BULL FIGHTING

IT has been suggested in some quarters that bull fighting, so popular in Spain and Mexico, should be tried out as a sport in this country; and that the prospect of financial returns might well move subordinate lodges of the Order of Elks to sponsor such events in their respective communities. The suggestion is probably born of the wide publicity accorded to the spectacular career of the Brooklyn matador, Sidney Franklin, and of the recently expressed approval of the sport by certain prominent Americans.

It is likely that any attempt to stage such a spectacle

anywhere in the United States would be opposed by the civil authorities, as prohibited by local laws. But even if this difficulty were not presented, it is quite certain that public sentiment would be definitely opposed to the innovation. The sport is one which does not appeal to our people generally; and this means it would not appeal to the great majority of Elks.

It is to be hoped that the suggestions will not be seriously considered by any subordinate lodge. It is confidently believed that, were bull fighting promoted under such auspices, or any attempt made to this end, the prestige of the whole Order would be materially impaired.

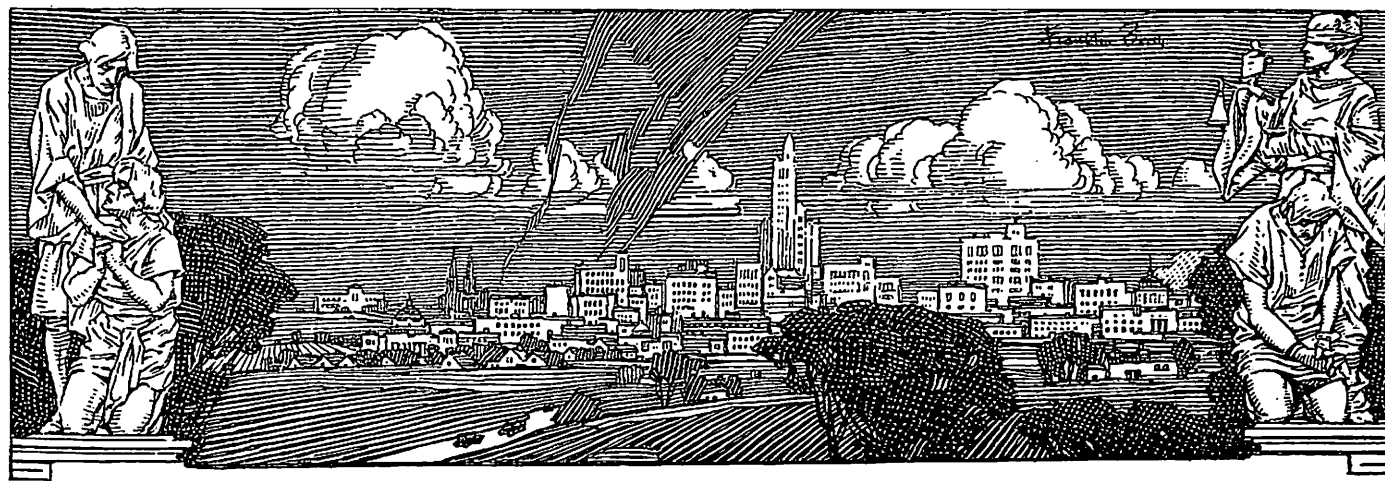
INITIATION FEES

THE theory upon which a fee is charged for the privilege of becoming a member of any fraternal organization is that such membership has a real value which should be recognized by the applicant; and that his interest therein should be evidenced by his willingness to make such payment. The fact that initiation fees constitute a source of substantial income is incidental. Without such charge membership might become too cheaply indiscriminate.

But there are instances in which the usual fee is prohibitive to otherwise eligible candidates. This is most frequently true in the cases of young men just starting their independent careers, which class naturally embraces many who would be very desirable members.

In recognition of this the Constitution of the Order has been recently amended, so as to effectuate the Statute on the subject adopted at Milwaukee. Under this Statute subordinate lodges may now establish an initiation fee, for applicants under twenty-six years of age, less than that required from others; and may dispense with such fee in the cases of certain applicants who have been members of The Antlers.

In order that a lodge may avail itself of this permission, it must adopt an appropriate by-law in the manner provided by Grand Lodge Statutes. And it is suggested that prompt consideration be given to this subject. The Order has a definite need for new members who are young in years and whose youthful enthusiasm and eager interest will give fresh impetus to our fraternal activities.



If each lodge will adopt such a reduced fee and will give proper publicity of the fact to the present membership, it is to be confidently anticipated that many new members from the preferred classification will be secured, in time to favorably affect the statistics for the current lodge year.

DON'T BE TOO SORRY FOR YOURSELF

THERE are many thousands of us who are so much less comfortably circumstanced now than we were a few years ago, and who are compelled to forego so many things we would enjoy, that it is easy for us to regard ourselves as proper objects of commiseration. And it is even easier for us to furnish our own sympathy. This is quite understandable; it is so human.

But there is danger in too ready an indulgence in self pity. It is apt to undermine our courage and faith and determination to make a personal recovery, which is the true unit of national recovery. And it also tends to make us less sympathetic with others who are in greater need of it. We are prone to use up too much of our supply on ourselves.

The great majority of those who read this will do so in surroundings which are safe and comfortable. They will be well fed, well clothed and in good health. They will be able to count their friends by the hundreds. Their bank accounts may be depleted; their savings may have been absorbed; their incomes may be curtailed or temporarily cut off; and their credit may be strained. But they only need to be observant on their next walk down the street to realize their comparative good fortune.

Look at the chap who taps his cane upon the sidewalk to guide his cautious steps because of sightless eyes. Notice the legless cripple who sits upon the hard pavement, offering his penny wares to indifferent passers. Note the twisted body of another, whose every labored movement is a pitiful evidence of his handicapped life. See the lips of another, blue with the cold against which his inadequate clothes give little protection. Watch the features of another upon which stark hunger has set its mark.

All these may be observed in the course of a short stroll along almost any city street. They have become such usual incidents that we are apt to pass them all unheeding. We are sure to do so if we be too intent upon our own lesser misfortunes. And yet, paraphrasing the

classic statement of a certain Bishop of London, any one of us might truly say, "but for the grace of God that might be me."

Don't let us be too sorry for ourselves. Let us save some of our sympathy for others who are really entitled to it. And let it lead us to thoughtful, kindly helpfulness for them. There is nothing that will brighten our own outlook so much.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

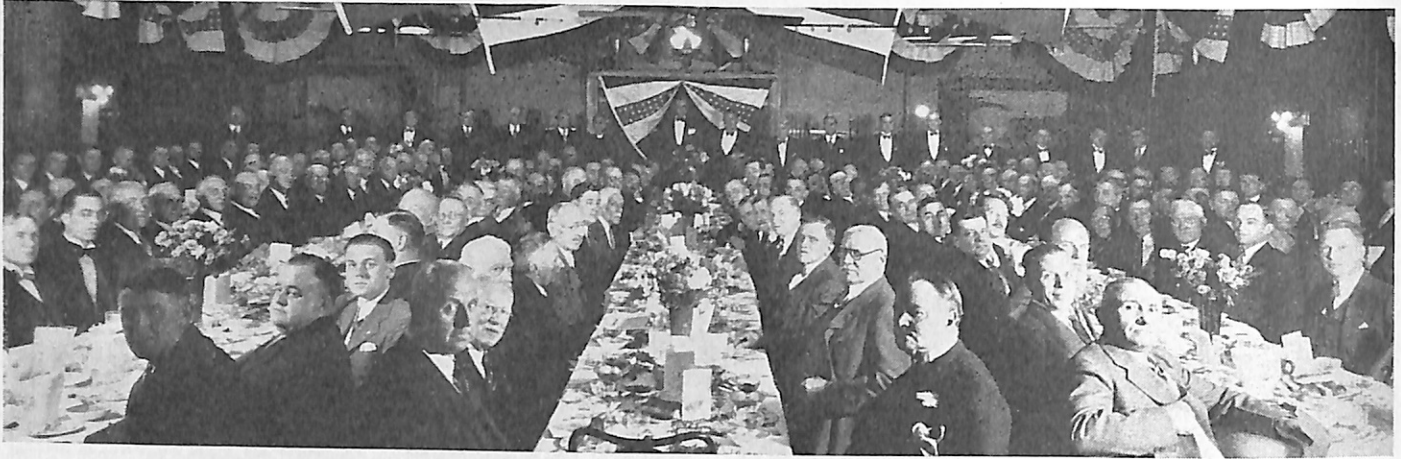
IN the eighth of this month Boy Scouts of America enters upon the twenty-fifth year of its existence. The organization has planned an extensive program, to be observed throughout the year, in celebration of the event and of its achievements since its foundation.

The true conception of its accomplishments must, of course, have relation to the influence it has exerted on the lives of the boys and young men of America; and mere statistical figures are only relatively important. But when it is learned that there are over a million active Boy Scouts in this country today, and probably more than five million men who have been members, it becomes obvious that its influence has been tremendous.

That the part the organization has played in the development of American youth has been altogether wholesome, instructive and uplifting, is known to all who have even the most casual knowledge of its purposes and its methods of promoting them. While its chief objective is the building of character, the inculcation of high moral and ethical standards, and the effective training of its members in kindness, courtesy and helpfulness to others, yet of comparable importance is the training it affords them in practical knowledge which fits them for a self-reliant and serviceable life.

An Eagle Scout, who must have passed most rigid tests, covering numerous fields of useful information, in order to win that proud title, is a well grounded young gentleman, admirably equipped to meet almost any emergency.

The Order of Elks, through its subordinate lodges, has displayed its keen interest in Boy Scouts by sympathetic and substantial support of local scout troops and in numerous other appropriate ways. It is pleasing to add this word of commendation of the splendid national organization; and to express the hope that it may continue to grow in numbers and influence through the years to come.



Members and guests of Plainfield, N. J., Lodge on the occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary Party

HOWARD ROWE

Under the Spreading Antlers

News of Subordinate Lodges Throughout the Order

Tri-State Elks Association Holds Meeting at Hagerstown Lodge

The Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Elks Association held its first quarterly meeting in the Lodge room of Hagerstown Lodge and reasserted itself in favor of a State appropriation for the use of the Crippled Children's League.

Among those present were J. Morris Guider, President; Calvert K. Hartle, Secretary; Louis N. Frank, Third Vice-President; John E. Lynch, N. Bosley Hoffman and Paul I. Paine, Trustees; and Past Presidents Alfred W. Gaver and Lawrence E. Ensor. The Association was welcomed by Exalted Ruler E. Leister Mobley of Hagerstown Lodge.

Committees were appointed by the President, several reports were read and addresses delivered, and the date for the next quarterly meeting of the Association to be held in the Lodge room of Baltimore Lodge, No. 7, was decided upon. The meeting adjourned subject to recall by President Guider.

Calvert K. Hartle, State Secretary

Hilo, Hawaii, Lodge Mourns Passing of Exalted Ruler

With deep regret Hilo, Hawaii, Lodge, No. 759, announces the recent death of its Exalted Ruler, Cluness W. Lathlean, who passed away after several months of illness.

Initiated into Hilo Lodge on September 7, 1929, Mr. Lathlean was a tireless worker for the good of the Order. He became Exalted Ruler last spring, and performed his duties ably until October, although many times he should have conserved his strength when he was expending it for the ultimate benefit of the Lodge. Mr. Lathlean was Mechanical Instructor at the Hilo High School during the past seven years. He left behind him a host of friends.

Ritualistic funeral services were held in the Lodge room of the Home, after which the body was cremated. Mr. Lathlean's many friends in the Order extend deep sympathy to his relatives in their loss.

Robert S. Moir, Correspondent

Lodge Host to Crippled Children's Commission

New Jersey's state-wide crippled children program has been made more efficient than ever as a result of a recent conference

in the Home of New Brunswick Lodge, No. 324, which was attended by more than 500 state officials, committee members, doctors, nurses and welfare workers. The purpose of the conference was to coordinate the work of the various organizations and agencies interested in this activity, so as to eliminate duplication of work or expenditure of funds. Official records show cash expenditures of \$925,013.35 on this New Jersey activity since 1928.

The principal speakers at the conference were Governor A. Harry Moore, who signed the state laws on this subject in 1928; Joseph G. Buch, Chairman of the State Crippled Children Commission and Chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee of the New Jersey State Elks Association, and Dr. Fred H. Albee, Chairman of the New Jersey State Rehabilitation Commission.

Scores present, including many doctors, pledged the continued contribution of their services. Several members of boards of freeholders gave assurance of county financial support because of the recognized economic value of rehabilitating cripples.

Special welcome was accorded a delegation from Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge, No. 877, which is carrying on a crippled children program prepared by the New Jersey Committee and sponsored by Postmaster General James A. Farley, Past Exalted Ruler of Haverstraw Lodge and Past President of the New York State Elks Association.

Joseph G. Buch, Trenton Lodge, No. 105

Oklahoma State Elks Association Convention at El Reno

The annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Elks Association held some time ago at El Reno was a highly successful gathering of Oklahoma members of the Order. The first day's session was well attended and discussion of Elk affairs in the State took up most of the evening. The second day of the Convention was devoted to entertainment at Fort Reno, which is the Government Remount Station. The entertainment features were much enjoyed by the Elks and their families.

The annual State Ritualistic Contest was won by Blackwell Lodge, No. 1347. The third day was devoted to the business of the Association, to the election of officers and choosing the 1934 meeting place of the next Convention. Shawnee was selected and the annual meeting is scheduled to take place

on the third, fourth and fifth of September.

The officers who will serve during the year 1933-34 are as follows: M. W. Brown, Shawnee Lodge, No. 657, President; D. H. Perry, Enid Lodge, No. 870, First Vice-President; George M. McLean, El Reno Lodge, No. 743, Second Vice-President; W. H. Eyler, McAlester Lodge, No. 533, Third Vice-President; Louis F. Pfothenhauer, Oklahoma City Lodge, No. 417, Secretary; H. A. P. Smith, Shawnee Lodge, Treasurer; M. M. Jacobs, Mangum Lodge, No. 1169, Tiler; B. B. Barefoot, Chickasha Lodge, No. 755; Harry Tucker, Blackwell Lodge; E. F. Rand, Oklahoma City Lodge; O. L. Hayden, Alva Lodge, No. 1184, and Harry Kessler, Oklahoma City Lodge, Trustees.

Louis F. Pfothenhauer, State Secretary

Gary, Ind., Lodge Host to Indiana North Meeting

The Autumn Dinner and Dance Party held in the Lodge Home of Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152, in honor of visiting Elks from Indiana North, started off the week-end meeting of the Indiana North District. Over three hundred attended the affair. The festivities began at eight p. m. on Saturday and continued until the early morning hours. A chicken dinner was served, followed by dancing, music and entertainment.

Among the distinguished guests attending this particular evening's celebration were President Joseph L. Clarke, of the Indiana State Elks Association; Past District Deputy Frank E. Coughlin of South Bend Lodge, No. 235, and Exalted Ruler Cecil Rape, of Union City Lodge, No. 1534.

Early Sunday morning the business session of the Indiana North Association opened with the invocation by Father Michael Swiatowski. Mayor R. O. Johnson welcomed the visiting Elks to Gary in an address which was fittingly responded to by District Deputy A. Gordon Taylor, who then took charge of the meeting and introduced Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, State President Clarke, State Trustee Clifford M. Savage, Exalted Ruler Rape, Frank P. White, Executive Secretary of the Crippled Children's Clinic of the Illinois State Elks Association; and Bede Armstrong, Card Editor of THE ELKS MAGAZINE.

Mr. Taylor then called on the representatives of each Lodge to give reports on the activities of their respective Lodges. Several resolutions were passed and a sug-

gestion offered that the Indiana North Association sponsor a crippled children's clinic. Other business also was accomplished. Past State President Clyde Hunter and Past District Deputies Victor V. Swartz and John Van Delester stressed the need of bringing before the public the charitable and civic work of the Lodges.

At noon a concert was presented by the Gary Elks Band, and afterward a full course dinner was served to the guests in the banquet hall of the Lodge Home. In the afternoon a Lodge meeting was held by No. 1152 at which a class of candidates was initiated. The meeting turned to discussion of Good of the Order and addresses were made by Grand Secretary Masters, President Clarke, State Trustee Savage and Mr. White.

The session was closed after the Indiana North delegates had accepted the invitation of Valparaiso Lodge, No. 500, extended through Vice-President Julius Albe, to hold the next meeting there on the last Sunday in April.

*Erland F. Andren,
Secretary of Gary Lodge*

Impostor Reported by Honolulu, Hawaii, Lodge

Honolulu, Hawaii, Lodge, No. 616, wishes to notify the Lodges of the Order that a man calling himself William Hughes, who has obtained relief from Corvallis, Ore., Lodge, No. 1413, and Longview, Wash., Lodge, No. 1514, is an impostor. There is no William Hughes on the roster of Honolulu Lodge and warning is given in order that other Lodges may not be imposed upon by his importunities for further aid.

J. Edgar Masters, Grand Secretary

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rupp Writes on N. R. A.

In the December, 1933, issue of the *Lehigh Valley Motor Club News* appears a splendid article by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lawrence H. Rupp entitled "Will the NRA Succeed?" Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rupp is Chairman of the N.R.A. Compliance Board of Allentown, Pa. This article, on a question that vitally concerns every thinking American, is a hopeful and convincing view of the purposes and achievements of the Roosevelt Administration's National Industrial Recovery Act.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rain Visits Arizona State Elks Hospital

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank L. Rain recently paid a visit to the Arizona State Elks Association Hospital at Tucson. He was greeted by a Reception Committee and escorted about the City and later to the Hospital.

Those on the Reception Committee were Past State Association President Jacob Gunst, Chairman of the Hospital Executive Committee; Past District Deputy M. H. Starkweather, Secretary of the Committee; Exalted Ruler Howard F. Potter; Secretary F. A. Michael; Esteemed Loyal Knight J. O. Nabours; Esteemed Lecturing Knight Charles Pearson; Miss Margaret A. Thomas, Superintendent of the Hospital and her assistant, Miss Mary Hartsonk; Ralph Gunst, II, representing the Tucson Lodge of Antlers; Mayor Henry O. Jaastad; a representation from Boy Scout Troop No. 1, the ranking troop in Arizona, sponsored by Tucson Lodge, No. 385, and several other Elks and patients at the Hospital.

After the visit to the Hospital, Mr. Rain was taken on a tour of most of the interesting spots in the vicinity, including the Government Hospital, where he visited with several members of the Order; the University of Arizona; the San Xavier Mission, the oldest mission in the United States and still

Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge Planning for Elks' National Bowling Tournament

Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge, No. 18, will play host to the Seventeenth Annual Elks' National Bowling Tournament to be held in Cleveland in March and April under the auspices of the Lodge.

It is the desire of the national officers and of the Cleveland Lodge Bowling Committee to make the coming event the largest and finest fraternal bowling tournament in the world. The entries will close at midnight on March 1st, and the tournament will open on Saturday, March 24th. The committee selected the Euclid-Thirteenth Recreation Parlors, equipped with fifty-six tournament alleys on one floor, for the games to be bowled on.

E. W. Linsz, of Cleveland Lodge, has been named General Chairman of the Local Tournament Committee, with sub-committee chairmen who will take care of the wants of the visiting Elk bowlers. The following members of Cleveland Lodge were selected as the sub-committee chairmen:

Local Entry.....H. K. Ferry
Schedule.....John Ackerman
Transportation.....William Morris
Hotel Accommodation.....Harry Dean
Reception.....Exalted Ruler Dr. H. H. Prentice
Entertainment.....Frank W. Baker
Tournament and Alleys.....E. W. Linsz
Secretary and Treasurer.....Secretary William F. Bruning

Only members of the Order of Elks in good standing are allowed to compete in the National Event and all Elk bowlers are required to show their membership card prior to the start of their bowling.

The cash prize list for the tournament is divided into two classes, regular and good-fellowship, the first going to scores of merit, while the goodfellowship prizes are drawn from all that do not participate in the regular prizes.

Nine (9) Diamond Medals will be distributed to the champions in the different events.

Application is being made for reduced fare rates for all Elk bowlers traveling by railroad to the tournament city.

Officers of the Elks' Bowling Association of America are: Joseph M. Vlaciha, Cicero, Ill., President; and Harry F. Gottron, Fremont, Ohio; Frank G. Mitzel, Detroit; Dave Wells, Louisville, Ky.; S. A. Hanson, Oak Park, Ill.; Phil Birkenhauer, Toledo, Ohio; and Charles A. Reading, Chicago, Ill.; Vice-Presidents. John J. Gray, Milwaukee, Wis., is the Secretary-Treasurer. Bowling Committees and Elk bowlers throughout the nation desiring any information pertaining to the tournament, may communicate with Secretary Gray, at 1616 South 16th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

in use; the St. Joseph's Orphanage; and the Wishing Shrine.

At one o'clock a banquet was held at the Pioneer Hotel in honor of Mr. Rain, and at eight he attended the Memorial Services held in the Lodge room where he delivered the principal address of the evening.

Jacob Gunst, Chairman, Executive Committee, Arizona State Elks Hospital

Information Sought Concerning Edward Wernz

Information is sought by the Elks of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, concerning the whereabouts of Edward Wernz, of 82-19 St. James Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y. He has not been seen or heard from by his family since June 29, 1933. Edward Wernz is sixteen years of age, five feet seven inches tall, and weighs 135 pounds. He bears a scar on his right leg from knee to ankle, caused by a burn. His father, Edward Wernz, is a member of Queens Borough Lodge.

Anyone possessing information concerning the young man's whereabouts will confer a great service upon his family by communicating with Edward Wernz, of 82-19 St. James Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y., or Secretary James D. Moran, of Queens Borough Lodge, Queens Boulevard, Elmhurst, L. I., New York.

Mattoon, Ill., Lodge Forging Ahead

After several years of comparative inactivity, Mattoon, Ill., Lodge, No. 495, under the leadership of Exalted Ruler H. C. Hardy, is making rapid strides to the front rank of Illinois Lodges. During the past two months ten new candidates have been initiated and thirty-one others have been reinstated.

Mattoon Lodge played host recently on the occasion of a large district meeting, when over one hundred guests were present at an elaborate chicken dinner, after which a meeting was held. The Degree Team of Urbana, Ill., Lodge, No. 991, performed the ritualistic work in initiating eight candidates, and Judge Frank B. Leonard, of Champaign Lodge, No. 398, District Deputy for Illinois Southeast, making his official visit to Mattoon Lodge on that evening, spoke at some length.

A week later Mattoon Elks formed the largest delegation attending another similar district affair at Champaign Lodge, and a short time after that, had a large representation at the District Deputy's official visit to Effingham Lodge, No. 1016.

The most ambitious social affair so far held by Mattoon Lodge this year was the New Year's Eve Party held for Elks and their friends. The Lodge rooms were cleverly decorated to resemble a Manhattan night club. About one hundred couples attended.

John S. Bowman, Correspondent



Mr. and Mrs. Travis celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary surrounded by members of Santa Ana, Calif., Lodge. Mr. Travis is a member

COCHEMS

Central Edition

This Section Contains Additional News of Central State Lodges



The Ritualistic Team of Kearney, Neb., Lodge, which won the silver cup at the State Convention held at Columbus

Kearney, Neb., Lodge Entertains District Deputy Bullard

Kearney, Neb., Lodge, No. 984, was host recently at an informal dinner held at the Central Café in honor of District Deputy W. C. Bullard, of McCook Lodge, No. 1434. At a regular session held later in the Lodge Home under the gavel of Exalted Ruler A. B. Kriz and his officers, a class of sixteen candidates was duly initiated into the Order, before one of the largest Lodge attendances in recent years.

The exemplification of the ritual was rendered in a manner that brought forth praise from the District Deputy and the other distinguished guests. A number of new applications were read and the indications were that another class of at least twelve candidates would be admitted at the next initiatory meeting.

Following the initiation Mr. Bullard made a few brief but highly interesting remarks, expressing his satisfaction with the condition in which he found the Lodge. The McCloud Ritualistic Trophy, won by Kearney Lodge at the annual State Elks Association Convention last June, is prominently displayed in the Home and was much admired by the District Deputy and the other visiting Elks.

Among the prominent guests were H. P. Zieg, President of the State Association and Past President Fred L. Harrison, both of whom are Past Exalted Rulers of Grand Island Lodge, No. 604.

This meeting, followed by a late supper and a smoker, marked the beginning of a new deal for Kearney Lodge. Renewed interest is manifest, much enthusiastic young blood is included among the new members and a general atmosphere of optimism and cheer prevails.

H. L. Blackledge, Esteemed Loyal Knight

Renewed Interest in Cribbage at Brainerd, Minn., Lodge

With grim determination Brainerd, Minn., Lodge, No. 615, has once again gone in for cribbage. Last fall the Lodge's annual cribbage tournament, the second in the yearly series, was begun with a fanfare. The games are played weekly, and will carry the cribbage-playing members through the month of April.

In the tournament, which lasts twenty-three weeks, the players find themselves embroiled in two hundred and thirty games.

Interest in the cribbage tilt reaches such a feverish height that the scores are featured on the sport pages of the local newspaper. Last year the cribbaggers carried off fifty-five dollars' worth of prizes.

Past Exalted Ruler John A. Hoffbauer, Secretary

Fort Madison, Ia., Lodge Enjoys Minstrel Show

Fort Madison, Ia., Lodge, No. 374, recently enjoyed a free minstrel show in the Lodge Home presented by the minstrel company of Monmouth, Ill., Lodge, No. 397, with Dr. F. C. Winters, President of the Illinois State Elks Association, as inter-locutor. A picture of the Company was published in the January issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE. The entertainment was attended by more than two hundred and fifty Elks and their families, including many children. Supper was served later.

Three nights each week the dining room of the Home is open to all members, their families and guests. Music is provided for dancing and each affair is made a festive occasion. These gatherings are well attended, and as the season advances it has become evident that the attendance is increasing.

Fort Madison Lodge has a membership of five hundred and twenty and the officers and committees are making every effort to increase the number. As there is no lack of desirable prospects in Fort Madison, much optimism is felt and expressed by the membership. Following the established custom of the Lodge, the Thanksgiving Committee delivered over eighty baskets of delicious and nourishing food to the needy of the city.

C. H. Duffy, Correspondent

East Chicago, Ind., Lodge Enjoys Successful Term

East Chicago, Ind., Lodge, No. 981, has been enjoying a most successful term under the able guidance of Exalted Ruler William H. Donovan, who has worked unceasingly with his various committees. Twenty-three new candidates were recently initiated into the Lodge with a splendid exemplification of the ritualistic work. Following the ceremonies of induction a buffet luncheon was served and a social session indulged in by the many assembled members.

Later in the month, on the occasion of

the official visit of District Deputy A. Gordon Taylor, of La Porte Lodge, No. 396, two additional candidates were initiated. After the meeting a delicious rabbit dinner was enjoyed. The Entertainment Committee has been sponsoring a series of monthly Cabaret Dances which have met with the hearty approval of the members and their invited guests. *John E. O'Neil, Secretary*

Hammond, Ind., Lodge Honors A Past Exalted Ruler

Past District Deputy John Van Delester, a Past Exalted Ruler of Hammond, Ind., Lodge, No. 485, recently received one of the highest honors Hammond Lodge can bestow on a member when he was given a life membership in the Order. Presentation of the life membership was made at the reception given by the Lodge for District Deputy A. Gordon Taylor of La Porte Lodge, No. 396.

Following a gala reception at a six-thirty repast, Mr. Taylor and the officials of the Lodge went to the Lodge rooms, where the party was greeted by visiting members from the four Indiana Lodges of East Chicago, La Porte, Gary and Whiting. Exalted Ruler Richard F. Hoyt turned the meeting over to Past Exalted Ruler Van Delester at the beginning of the initiatory ceremonies at which five new members were received into the Order.

Several prominent Elks from the visiting Lodges addressed the meeting and their remarks were followed by an interesting talk from District Deputy Taylor, who praised Hammond Lodge for its excellent work in reinstating members during the past few months. At the close of his speech he presented Mr. Van Delester with the life membership. In his response Mr. Van Delester expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and pledged his continued loyalty to the Order of which he is so representative a member.

At the close of the meeting some hundred and fifty Elks retired to the club rooms where they enjoyed a buffet luncheon served in true Elk style. Enjoyable music by the String Orchestra of La Porte Lodge was an added feature.

Ralph Parker, Correspondent

Bluffton, Ind., Lodge Enjoys Active Season

Bluffton, Ind., Lodge, No. 796, has been very active during the past fall and early winter seasons, having engaged in community welfare work as well as in the work of strengthening the Lodge itself. The officers are to be commended for their loyalty and devotion to the purpose of bettering the Lodge.

A class of thirty-eight candidates was recently inducted into the Lodge with an impressive ceremony. Since a very large number of applications were presented on this occasion, it was decided to organize another class of candidates who would receive the ritualistic work later. This was done, and the second class of twenty-eight candidates was especially honored with the presence of District Deputy A. R. Luckenbill, who delivered an enlightening address to the old as well as the new members. Meanwhile another list of names has been presented for membership and the Lodge will act on the new class early this month.

On the afternoon and evening of December twenty-third the Lodge held its annual children's party, and two hundred and

thirty youngsters from the needy families of the city were bounteously entertained. The afternoon's program included a trip to the Grand Theatre. Following the theatre party the children were taken to the Lodge Home, where a dinner was waiting for them.

Frank G. Thompson, Correspondent

Winfield, Kans., Lodge Entertains Local Boy Scouts

Approximately ninety Boy Scouts were present at the banquet given in their honor by Winfield, Kans., Lodge, No. 732, in the banquet hall of the Home. During the course of the dinner badges were presented by the Regional Director of the Boy Scouts from Wichita. Exalted Ruler Eugene Fulghum and Secretary George E. Crawford, of Winfield Lodge, delivered addresses to the boys.

The meeting was under the direct supervision of J. L. Cowan, Director of all Boy Scout activities in Winfield. The Boy Scout movement, which is rapidly coming to the front in Winfield, is sponsored by the Lodge. The Elks were highly pleased with the turnout of the boys at the banquet, and announced that additional entertainment will be proposed for the Scouts.

George E. Crawford, Secretary

Streator, Ill., Lodge Gives Successful Minstrel Show

Streator, Ill., Lodge, No. 591, recently presented its first minstrel show in several years as a benefit for the Crippled Children's Fund of the Lodge. Almost one hundred persons were numbered in the cast. The performance included the minstrels, the Daisy Revue, in which a bevy of extremely attractive young ladies was featured, and a comedy sketch entitled "Hot Foot Jones."

A number of specialties by local talent were also played up. To the delight of all interested in the venture, the show turned out to be both a financial and artistic success. The production was presented in the local High School.

M. H. Reed, Secretary

Marinette, Wis., Lodge Holds 1933 Round-Up

Probably the most successful get-together held by Marinette, Wis., Lodge, No. 1313, in a long time, occurred recently when well over a hundred members gathered in the Lodge rooms for the 1933 round-up and homecoming. Some excellent addresses were delivered during the Lodge session and later a program of entertainment was given which included motion pictures of the Dempsey-Tunney fight in Chicago.

Ralph Woolworth, of Menominee, Wis., rendered several piano selections and a floor show that had been brought to the Lodge Home especially for the occasion was presented. A fine lunch was served. In an address to the members, Dr. C. O. Fillinger, a Past Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, pointed out the fact that the Order is a great deal more than a social organization and dwelt upon the charitable activities of Marinette Lodge. Judge A. F. Murphy stressed the social side of the Order in his discourse.

Exalted Ruler Charles Goldberg expressed his great satisfaction at the return of so many members to active participation in the affairs of the Lodge, and Mayor R. P. Murray talked on membership in the Organization and stated that Marinette Lodge had kept pace in percentage with the growth of the Order nationally.

Charles Goldberg, Exalted Ruler

Decorah, Iowa, Lodge Adds Considerably to Rolls

At a most successful meeting recently, Decorah, Ia., Lodge, No. 443, initiated into the Order thirty-seven new Elks. More than

two hundred of the three hundred members of the Lodge were present, including fourteen Past Exalted Rulers, among whom were Charles Altfillish, a Vice-President of the Iowa State Elks Association; H. B. Winter, a Past District Deputy; B. M. Graham, Chairman of Entertainment, and Dr. F. W. Conover, a charter member, now residing in Mason City, Ia. The day closed with a dinner at which twenty-five turkeys with all the trimmings were consumed.

A most welcome guest at the initiatory meeting was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge Floyd E. Thompson, present Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Association Committee. Judge Thompson is the first Grand Lodge officer ever to have visited Decorah Lodge, and he was most appreciative of the enthusiasm with which he was received by the members.

Since Exalted Ruler George A. Baker was installed in office last April, Decorah Lodge has initiated fifty-three new candidates and reinstated seventeen former members. The Lodge has, at the present writing, a group of candidates prepared for initiation in the National Birthday Class and expects to have a good many more ready before that occasion. The reinstatement campaign has been inaugurated only recently, and No. 443 hopes and expects to welcome not less than one hundred old members back into the fold during the current year.

Judge Floyd E. Thompson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Champaign, Ill., Elks Entertain Judge Leonard, District Deputy

One hundred and twenty-five Elks recently attended a meeting on the occasion of the official visit to Champaign, Ill., Lodge, No. 398, of District Deputy Judge F. B. Leonard, a Past Exalted Ruler of the Lodge. A duck supper was served in the dining room at 6:30. Several of the guests were from other Lodges in the Southeast District.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock and initiatory ceremonies were conferred upon a candidate, after which Judge Leonard addressed the Lodge, especially complimenting the officers on the initiatory work and later giving an outline of plans for the District during the coming months in the way of procuring new members and securing reinstatements of former members who had been dropped from the rolls.

Among the visiting Elks were Past District Deputy W. T. Buchanan of Effingham Lodge, No. 1016, and Past District Deputy Charles E. Conner of Olney Lodge, No. 926.

P. E. Utterback, Secretary

Sullivan, Ind., Lodge Feeds Nearly One Thousand Persons

Sullivan, Ind., Lodge, No. 911, made Thanksgiving Day a memorable occasion to nearly one thousand children of the vicinity by providing them with more food than

even a thousand hungry schoolboys and girls could stow away. Invitations to the big feed were issued to the children through the media of the newspapers, the school-teachers and the Township trustees, and thirteen school buses brought children to the feast from the various surrounding towns.

Seven hundred and eighty-one children attended the dinner and one hundred and twenty more appeared for supper. Later, since there was still much provender on hand, generous portions of the accumulated food were distributed to the needy of Sullivan.

On the long list of foodstuffs prepared by the Lodge were three hundred pounds of beef, eighty pounds of pork, one hundred pounds of turkeys, seventy-five pounds of chicken, three hundred pounds of potatoes, one hundred pounds of beans, one hundred pounds of cranberries, sixty gallons of milk, and one hundred and twelve pounds of bread.

Julius Hatry, Secretary

Fort Wayne, Ind., Lodge Enjoys Varied Seasonal Activities

A masked dance held by Fort Wayne, Ind., Lodge, No. 155, proved to be a pronounced success. Due to the novel idea of Mrs. Orange W. Barrett, wife of one of the trustees of the Lodge, twelve members and their wives impersonated the famous radio team, Amos and Andy, and their various characters. During the evening tickets were sold from a fresh-air taxicab, and shortly before the close of the dance, Amos and Andy and the rest of the characters drove out on the dance floor, their car having been previously kept in hiding.

Each Friday evening Fort Wayne Lodge holds a fish fry, during which special music is provided for those who wish to dance. This type of entertainment is very popular.

The bowling season this year is better at the Lodge Home than it has been for a great many years. Instead of eight teams, the Lodge now has a fourteen-team league made up of a hundred members. The wives of the Fort Wayne Elks are also evincing a pronounced interest in the game. Some time ago a team made up of members of the Fort Wayne League bowled the ladies' team of the General Hosiery Company, the champion women bowlers' team of the State of Indiana. The exhibition three-game tourney ended with the score of 2491 pins for the women and 2398 for the Elks.

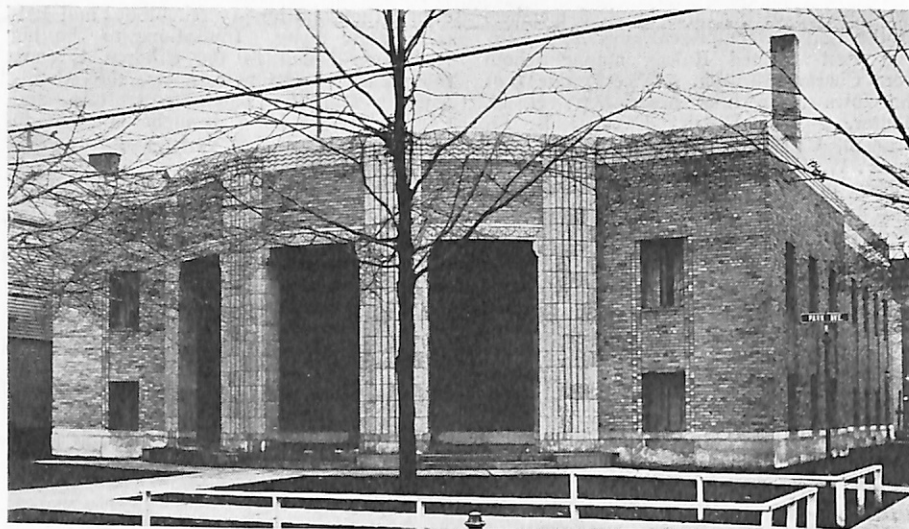
R. J. Stetter, Correspondent

Chicago, Ill., Lodge Sponsors and Institutes Lodge of Antlers

Chicago, Ill., Antlers Lodge, No. 4, sponsored by Chicago Lodge, No. 4, was instituted on Armistice Day with the officers and members of No. 4 assisting. The Antlers Counsellors appointed by Exalted Ruler Archie H. Cohen were all present. Thirty intelligent and representative young



Participants in the Annual Cribbage Tournament, which is arousing much interest among the members of Brainerd, Minn., Lodge. More than two hundred games constitute the tournament



The handsome home of Barberton, Ohio, Lodge

men between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one appeared at the Lodge room ready to be initiated as charter members. The initiation ritual was perfectly exemplified and the charter members were deeply impressed with the ceremonies.

The newly initiated Antlers were advised that there would be another meeting of the new Antlers Lodge on the following Friday when the election of officers and an initiation would take place. This meeting was held as announced with the officers and members of the Chicago Lodge of Elks filling the chairs. After the initiation of officers of the Antler Lodge were nominated, elected and installed. They are: Robert Langdon Keats, Exalted Antler; Paul James Wilbur, Leading Antler; Morton Scheffel, Loyal Antler; William Francis Schwind, Lecturing Antler; Sidney Borovay, Recorder, and Sigmund Danziger, Jr., Treasurer.

After the installation, the officers assumed their respective stations, and one of the first suggestions made by Exalted Antler Keats was that Louis M. Cohn, whose active interest had been so helpful in the formation of the Antlers Lodge, be presented with a suitable gift, the newly elected officers to act as a committee for that purpose.

The work of institution of the Antlers Lodge has been a splendid undertaking on the part of the Antlers Counsellors, as well as of the officers and members of Chicago Lodge of Elks, and their labor and interest were well rewarded when they witnessed the boys in office.

Secretary Merry, of Dickinson, N. D., Lodge, Succumbs

Death came to another prominent North Dakota Elk recently, when Lyall B. Merry, forty-year old Secretary of Dickinson, N. D., Lodge, No. 1137, died unexpectedly at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson. Mr. Merry, stricken suddenly with appendicitis, submitted to an emergency operation. He had been in poor health for more than a year. Mr. Merry was the second Secretary of a North Dakota Elk Lodge to die in recent months, Chester G. Timboe, of Devils Lake Lodge, No. 1216, whose death was announced in the December issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, being the other.

Mr. Merry was born in Dickinson in 1893, and educated there. While at the University of North Dakota, he was called to duty on the Mexican border in 1916, being a member of Company K of the North Dakota National Guard. Returning from service in Mexico, he entered a training camp at Missoula, Mont., and was sent overseas as a first lieutenant in the 164th

Infantry. He served for eighteen months. Returning to Dickinson, he entered business and became Secretary of Dickinson Lodge in 1926.

The funeral was conducted in the auditorium of the Lodge which he had helped to build into one of Southwestern North Dakota's strongest fraternal organizations. The Rev. H. J. Gernhardt officiated. Fellow members in the Order and his comrades in the American Legion attended the services in a body. Past District Deputy A. C. Pagenkopf was one of the honorary pallbearers.

Raymond C. Dobson, District Deputy

Waterloo, Ia., Lodge Member Gets Presidential Appointment

Waterloo, Ia., Lodge, No. 290, is proud to announce the recent appointment of one of its members, Harry W. Shaw, president and owner of the local Waterloo Broadcasting Company, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as one of the three members of the Radio Broadcasting Code Authority Committee.

The Committee will have charge of the administration of the code for the radio broadcasting industry. It is anticipated that the work of the Committee will require Mr. Shaw's presence in Washington for about one week in each month. The remaining two appointees of the Committee had not, at the time of writing, been named.

Saner C. Bell, Exalted Ruler

District Deputy Shook Visits Ottawa Lodge

Ottawa, Kans., Lodge, No. 803, recently entertained District Deputy Stanley J. Shook upon the occasion of his official visit to the Lodge. The event was celebrated by an initiation of four candidates. Seventy-five members witnessed the exemplification of the ritual, among them being Dr. W. H. Lyman, Exalted Ruler of Topeka Lodge, No. 204.

J. E. Larson, Exalted Ruler

South Bend, Ind., Lodge Initiates Class at Celebration

South Bend, Ind., Lodge, No. 235, recently observed its Annual Past Exalted Rulers' Night with the customary celebration in honor of the Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge. The celebration was given emphasis by the initiation of a class of candidates which included Congressman Samuel B. Pettigill, of South Bend, Representative from the Third Indiana Congressional District, who addressed the Lodge at the close

of the ceremony and expressed his appreciation at becoming identified with the Order.

Among the former presiding officers who filled the stations were David A. Westbury, a charter member of the Lodge and its oldest Past Exalted Ruler, and Max Cohn, second oldest living Past Exalted Ruler. Past Exalted Ruler A. S. Burkhart presided and had as other assistants some of the Past Exalted Rulers of later years, including T. L. Hogan, Lucius H. Miller, H. A. Richwine, C. W. Miltenberger and John F. De Haven. Dr. Elmer Ward Cole, Pastor of the First Christian Church of South Bend, also assisted.

John F. De Haven, Past Exalted Ruler

Paducah, Ky., Lodge Member Discovers Buried City

A member of Paducah, Ky., Lodge, No. 217, Fain W. King, is the discoverer of the famous Buried City, located on the outskirts of Wickliffe, twenty-eight miles west of the City of Paducah. Mr. King, a Paducah lumberman, is well known as an amateur archeologist and is a member of the Board of Regents of the Alabama Museum of Natural History.

Eminent anthropologists who have viewed the site of the Buried City, which is slowly and carefully being unearthed in the little village of Wickliffe, concur in the belief that the original inhabitants were a people of Asiatic origin and members of the Mongoloid division of the human family. They gained access to this country, it is believed, by way of Bering Straits. It is well established that they were here long before the Indians; in fact, that they were the direct ancestors of the so-called American Indian.

Abundant remains of these ancients have been found on the American continent, although, throughout North America, they left no permanent record in the form of a written language, which must mean that continuity of the race has been lost. Their highest culture was reached in Central America.

Late in the summer of 1932 the Alabama archeological staff began its work of unearthing the buried city which Mr. King had discovered. So much interesting material was encountered at the start that it became necessary to discard all heavy tools in favor of smaller implements such as trowels, orange sticks and camel's hair brushes in order that each grain of evidence might be preserved unbroken.

Upon arriving at the Buried City, an awe-inspiring sight greets the visitor as he enters the building which shelters the burial tombs of this race. As he gazes on these strangely interred skeletons, one hundred and fifty-three in all, the feeling of awe is superseded by one of interest, for it is observed that the bodies were placed on the ground instead of in it, and that earth was then carried from some other location and spread upon them until they were covered to a depth of a foot or two. That fires accompanied the funeral rites is fairly apparent, as the soil of the funeral mound is liberally mixed with charcoal.

In another mound adjacent to the burial mound was discovered a temple or council room, with a clay floor and post-holes dug in the floor. Beneath this was discovered another similar room, with three altars and a post with a braided rope attached. Each of the large rooms had been burned intentionally and covered to a depth of five feet with clay.

Around and about the rooms was scattered pottery of different sorts, most of the vessels being fashioned not in a strictly utilitarian mould, but in the likeness of living things. One is an owl water bottle, another is in the shape of a human figure, and a third is made in the form of an eagle with a plumed head.

Kansas City's Grand Lodge Convention Committee is Incorporated

IN preparation for the 1934 Convention of the Grand Lodge, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 15-19, the Kansas City 1934 Convention Committee, Inc., has been organized with W. H. Piatt, President; Dwight Roberts, Vice-President; William Symon, Secretary, and Lester Siegal, Treasurer. The Committee was incorporated with a capital stock of \$2,000, with nine members as stockholders. The Committee will have charge of financial matters and of the management of the Convention.

One of the interesting features of the Convention will be a visit to the William

Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, which is ranked by critics as one of the finest and most modern galleries in the country. In the building are gathered art treasures from all parts of the world, made possible by bequests of the late Colonel Nelson, and by subsequent gifts of his heirs totalling fifteen millions of dollars.

Works of the masters are displayed in perfect settings, for there are a great many small rooms, each dedicated to a mood or an epoch. Enormous tapestries, formerly in the collection of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, representing the myth of Phaëton, are

on display. The Portrait of the Artist's Mother, by Whistler, and loaned to the gallery by the Louvre, occupies the place of honor. One of the most famous seascapes ever painted in America, Winslow Homer's "Watching the Breakers," is hung in the gallery.

These are only a few of the hundreds of masterpieces, of splendid examples of art and beauty, which are housed in the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art. The depression enabled the gallery to buy for \$4,000,000 old masters which were priced at \$10,000,000 when originally sought.

Hugo Roos, Convention Correspondent

The Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

THE Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a national junior organization embracing over fifty Lodges. Any white boy between the ages of 15 and 21 years, of sound mind and body, of good character and who believes in the existence of a Supreme Being, may apply for membership. Relationship to an Elk is not required. Love of parents, home and friends; reverence for womanhood; the exemplification of truth, morality and fair play, and respect for organized government, are among its cardinal principles.

The organization functions as does any Lodge, meetings being held in the Lodge room of the sponsors. Each Lodge is self-governing and acts under the guidance of an Antlers Advisory Council.

Activities include those that are not only purely Lodge in character but participation in civic and patriotic activities, together with a full program of social functions. Antlers laws provide for the proper annual observance of Mother's Day, Father's Day, Constitution Day and Patriots' Day. Dramatics, debating, bands, orchestras, ath-

letic teams, drill teams and glee clubs are supported. Lectures on timely subjects are arranged. Opportunity is provided the members to become acquainted with courts, legislative bodies and public officials so that they may become familiar with the manner in which governmental activities are performed.

The Antlers idea is not entirely unselfish. It is hoped that many of the boys, trained in the ideals underlying Elksdom, may later become Elks. This is especially true since the new provision relative to the waiver of the initiation fee in favor of Antlers has become effective. Almost 500 former Antlers are now Elks, some of them being Lodge officers.

Antlerism affords an opportunity for pleasant and profitable service to yourselves and your Order. A junior organization whose members may meet their big brothers on a common ground provides a certain solvent to the barriers often existing between youth and maturity.

Bring the matter of The Antlers before your Lodge; consider and discuss the ques-

tion from all angles. Ask yourselves this question: "What can we lose by instituting a Lodge of Antlers?" The answer is: "Nothing, but we stand to gain much." After discussion, take steps to organize in accordance with suggestions contained in the manual which will be furnished upon request. Induce your members to bring to the preliminary meeting all eligible boys and their acquaintances, keeping in mind that none need be related to an Elk.

If you believe in the future of America and are interested in the welfare of our Order you will of necessity be interested in the Antlers. An investment in American boyhood is "preferred" and will return steady dividends. Remember: Antlers make Elks, and the Antler-Elk is a trained Elk. Today, more than ever, do we need the strength and fine enthusiasm of youth!

For more complete information on Antlerism communicate with C. Fenton Nichols, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Antlers Council. His address is 405 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

A Candidate for Grand Lodge Office

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Lodge, No. 99, has the honor to announce that at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in July, 1934, it will present its Past Exalted Ruler, Michael F. Shannon, for Grand Exalted Ruler for the Grand Lodge year 1934-35.

The record of service of Brother Michael F. Shannon in our Order extends over a period of twenty-four years and covers those wonderful years when Elksdom made its greatest advancement and assumed its proud leadership among the fraternal associations of the country.

He was born in Los Angeles, California, on July 28th, 1887.

He was initiated as a member of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 99, on the 6th day of October, 1909, and during the triumphal march of California Elksdom throughout the succeeding years, he has ever been the militant leader, holding high the banner of Elksdom. Keen, brilliant of speech, affable, of charming personality, he has endeared himself to the rank and file of Elksdom and the

leaders of our Order regard him with affection.

After serving Los Angeles Lodge as Esquire in 1910, as Lecturing Knight in 1911, as Loyal Knight in 1912, and as Leading Knight in 1913, he was elected Exalted Ruler and served as such in 1914-15. His year was one of the most successful and outstanding in the history of Los Angeles Lodge.

He was elected an honorary life member of Los Angeles Lodge in March, 1916.

He served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South Central District of California under Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell in 1918-19. He served as Grand Esquire under Grand Exalted Ruler William M. Abbott in 1920-21. He served as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary from 1921 to 1926. He was appointed a Justice of the Grand Forum by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lawrence H. Rupp in 1931 and has served on this, the Supreme Court of our Order, from then to the present time.

Since the organization of the California

Elks Association in 1931, he has actively participated in all of its proceedings and his enthusiasm and judgment has been one of the principal factors in the success and standing of the Association in Elksdom.

In this short space it is impossible to recount all of the activities of Brother Shannon as one of the civic leaders of Los Angeles, of his service to the State as Assistant District Attorney for Los Angeles County, or the responsibilities he assumed during the three Grand Lodge Conventions which have met in Los Angeles, but there has never been a service too slight nor a task too great which he has not willingly undertaken for the good of Elksdom.

Brother Shannon is a lawyer by profession. He graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1909.

He has a charming family consisting of wife, two daughters and a son.

Because of his life of service and accomplishment for our Order, we submit his candidacy for your fraternal consideration.



Grand Exalted Ruler Meier photographed during his visit to Longview, Wash.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

ON the morning of October 17, Grand Exalted Ruler Walter F. Meier and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley left for Sanford, in a car driven by Past District Deputy Ayer. They were met on the outskirts of Sanford, Maine, and escorted to the Sanford City Club, where some thirty-odd members of Sanford Lodge No. 1470 had assembled to greet the distinguished guests. Both the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mr. Malley spoke. Mr. Meier was presented with a pair of beautiful blankets manufactured in Sanford.

The visit at Sanford was necessarily short, as the Grand Exalted Ruler had to be off for Rochester, N. H., for a luncheon engagement with members of Rochester Lodge, No. 1393. Mr. Meier spoke here, and was presented with a handsome dressing gown by the members of Rochester Lodge.

LATE that afternoon Mr. Meier was driven to Alton Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee, where he was met by a delegation from Laconia, N. H., Lodge, No. 876, and escorted to Laconia to a banquet prepared in his honor. The only address of the evening was delivered by the Grand Exalted Ruler. After the banquet a Lodge meeting was held at which seven candidates were initiated into the Order. The ritual was splendidly exemplified.

At this meeting Mr. Meier received a handsome picture of Lake Winnepesaukee from Laconia Lodge, and a silver platter decorated with the special insignia of the Order and the seal of the State, from the New Hampshire State Elks Association. One of the things that most impressed the Grand Exalted Ruler on this occasion was the presence of a father with his four sons. Mr. Meier was also pleased with the fact that three members of Laconia Lodge made contributions to the Elks National Foundation, while another signified his intention of sending a check to Mr. Malley for the same purpose.

Many prominent members of the Order were present at the banquet, including the Hon. E. Mark Sullivan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary; Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers; Past Grand Tiler Thomas J. Brady; J. Levi Meader, former member of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee; Charles H. Bean, President of the New Hampshire State Elks Association; State Vice-Presidents F. E. Normandin and Carl A. Savage; State

Secretary-Treasurer John A. McInerney; Past President Frank J. Kelly; District Deputy James D. De Rocher; Past District Deputies John M. Guay and James A. Sayers; Grand Lodge Reporter Joseph T. Mellyn, and many Past Exalted Rulers and officers of Lodges throughout New England.

On the following day, October 18, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Franklin, N. H., Lodge, No. 1280, accompanied by State President Bean. After a short sightseeing tour the distinguished Elks arrived at the Lodge Home and were greeted by a sizable group of members. Mr. Meier was introduced by President Bean, and spoke at some length to the gathering. This visit of Mr. Meier was the first ever paid Franklin Lodge by a Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order.

Later in the day Grand Exalted Ruler Meier left Franklin and traveled to Claremont, N. H., where, at the Home of Claremont Lodge, No. 879, he met a group of members and later lunched with them at a tavern in the City. Besides Mr. Meier and Mr. Malley, the following prominent Elks were present: Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Bowers; John J. Cocklin, President of the Vermont State Elks Association, and Charles F. Mann, Past President of the Association.

ACCOMPANIED by a delegation from Springfield, Vt., Lodge, No. 1560, the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mr. Malley drove to Springfield. Here Mr. Meier broadcast for fifteen minutes over Station WNBX. He was introduced by Mr. Malley. This broadcast was the occasion of a half hour program put on by Springfield Lodge, with musical renditions by members of Burlington, Vt., Lodge, No. 916.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Adnabrown Hotel, and Mr. Meier delivered what Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley declared was the best speech he had ever heard the Grand Exalted Ruler make. Mr. Malley also spoke. At the conclusion of the banquet Grand Exalted Ruler Meier was presented with a pair of beautifully carved marble book ends. Following the presentation the guests repaired to the Lodge Home, where refreshments were served and the Eleven O'Clock Toast given by Past President Mann.

The following Vermont Lodges were represented at the meeting: Bennington, Burlington, Brattleboro, Rutland, Spring-

field, Hartford and Montpelier, and Claremont, N. H., Lodge sent a delegation.

Present at this meeting were: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley; Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Bowers; State President Cocklin; First State Vice-President Lawrence F. Edgerton; State Secretary John J. Mullen; Past Presidents Arthur E. Sherwin and Charles F. Mann; District Deputy William J. Lonergan; Past District Deputy William P. Hogan, and Leon I. Patten, who served as Assistant to the Grand Inner Guard in Milwaukee last summer. The visit of Mr. Meier was the first ever paid to Springfield Lodge by a Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order.

The next visit, on October 19, was to Rutland, Vt., Lodge, No. 345. The Grand Exalted Ruler and Mr. Malley were met five miles from the city by President Cocklin and members of the local Lodge and escorted into the City. The party proceeded directly to the Hotel Berwick, where luncheon was served. Mr. Meier was introduced to the gathering and both he and Mr. Malley spoke. The party then repaired to the Home of Rutland Lodge and a social session was enjoyed by everyone. Later the party was taken to a marble quarry where they examined the workings and the manner of removal of the marble from the quarry.

That evening Burlington, Vt., Lodge, No. 916, held its first "Nationality" meeting, a form of way-down-east-Yankee night, with the customary roast pig being served at the banquet. Grand Exalted Ruler Meier and his companion were guests of honor at the meeting and took the opportunity of speaking to the assembled Elks. This visit to Burlington Lodge temporarily closed the Grand Exalted Ruler's visits to New England.

FROM Burlington the Grand Exalted Ruler was driven by the Exalted Ruler and the Secretary of Plattsburg, N. Y., Lodge, No. 621, to Plattsburg. On the New York side of Lake Champlain the party was met by a police escort and conducted into the city where luncheon was enjoyed by the visitors and the officers of the Lodge.

In the evening a banquet was given in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor, attended by 150 members of the Order, at which Mr. Meier and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert spoke. Later, during a Lodge session, both addressed the membership again.

At the Plattsburg dinner and subsequent

session, the following distinguished members of the Order were among those present: Theodore Kalbfleisch, Jr., District Deputy; Patrick B. Brennan, Vice-President of the State Association; and Past District Deputies Leroy M. Kellas, Thomas J. Hanrahan, Jr., and Benjamin F. Feinberg.

On the following morning, the Grand Exalted Ruler left Plattsburg by automobile and traveled to the Home of Ticonderoga, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1494. After visiting with the Exalted Ruler, the Secretary and a number of the Lodge officers and members, and inspecting the building and especially the Lodge rooms, the distinguished visitors journeyed on to Whitehall Lodge, No. 1491, where a short but exceedingly pleasant visit with the officers and members of the Lodge was completed before the Grand Exalted Ruler was forced by his schedule to hurry on to Glens Falls Lodge, No. 81. At Glens Falls Lodge an agreeable time was spent by all present and the Lodge regretted to see the national leader depart on the remainder of his trip through the State.

Saratoga Springs was the next goal of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Here the official party was received in the Home of Saratoga Lodge, No. 161, by an enthusiastic number of active and prominent officers and members of the Order, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert, District Deputy Kalbfleisch, and Past District Deputies Walter M. Stroup and E. A. McCaffrey.

The Grand Exalted Ruler enjoyed to the full the pleasant social gathering at Saratoga Lodge and later, on a drive, showed interest in the developments around and about the City.

Upon leaving Saratoga the Grand Exalted Ruler proceeded to Amsterdam, N. Y., Lodge, No. 101, where a great banquet had been arranged in his honor. Following the banquet, an address of welcome and presentation was made by Justice C. J. Heffernan who, on behalf of Amsterdam Lodge, presented Mr. Meier with a beautiful rug manufactured in the City. Mr. Meier delivered the main address of the evening and Mr. Hulbert also spoke.

Among the distinguished members of the



Mr. Meier and Exalted Ruler Albert T. Shine, of Oakland, Calif., Lodge paying a visit to The Elks' Rest at the Mountain View Cemetery

Order present at the meeting were: State President Alonzo L. Waters; State Vice-President A. C. Brownell; State Trustee George W. Denton; District Deputy Kalbfleisch; Past State Vice-Presidents Dr. A. D. Youngs and Harry W. Bennett; and Past District Deputies Robert J. Walsh, Thomas J. Hanrahan, Jr., Dr. Leo W. Roohan and Edward A. McCaffrey.

Leaving Amsterdam on the following morning, the party proceeded to Oneonta where, in the Lodge room of Oneonta Lodge, No. 1312, a meeting of Past Exalted Rulers was held. Preceding this meeting luncheon was served. Among the prominent Elks in attendance in the Lodge Home on this occasion were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hul-

bert; State President Alonzo L. Waters; State Treasurer John T. Osowski; Vice-President Henry W. Honan; State Trustees John T. Lanigan and Dr. Francis H. Marx; District Deputy Frank R. Wassung; and Past District Deputies Lewis R. Dowd, L. W. Losie, Frank S. Powell, Frank G. Sherman and George Bogart, who was in office when Oneonta Lodge was instituted. Delegations were present from Norwich, Binghamton, Owego, Cortland, Corning, Middletown, Rome, Elmira and Bath, N. Y., Lodges.

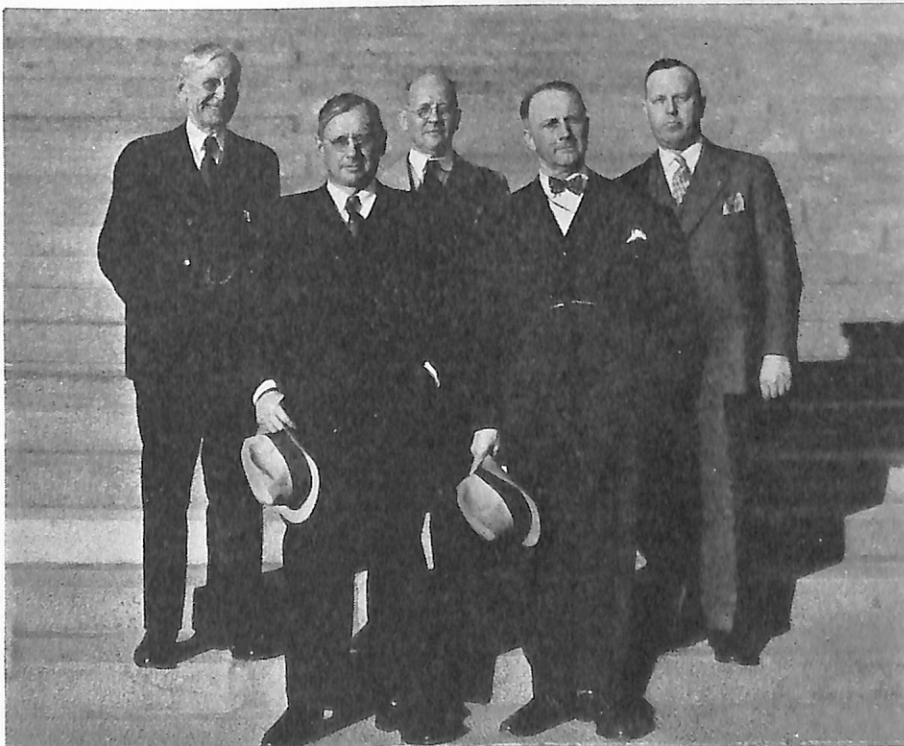
Following luncheon Mr. Meier delivered an address to the two-hundred-odd members of the Order present. Mr. Hulbert also spoke. After the addresses, the Past Exalted Rulers' Association met, and both Mr. Meier and Mr. Hulbert were pleased to address the organization.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's schedule next called for a visit to Rome, N. Y., Lodge, No. 96, where a bounteous banquet was served in his honor and that of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert. Immediately afterward a Lodge session that taxed the seating capacity of the Lodge room was held, with more than two hundred and fifty members in attendance. Here Mr. Meier delivered the principal address of the evening and Mr. Hulbert also spoke at some length. At the conclusion of the session Rome Lodge presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a remarkable beverage set consisting of a platter, pitcher and six goblets, all made of spun copper.

The following were some of the distinguished Elks present at both the banquet and the Lodge session afterward: Past Grand Tiler Henry Schocke; District Deputy John A. Wert; State President Waters; Past State Presidents George J. Winslow and James H. Mackin; and Past District Deputies Perl W. Devendorf, John T. Buckley and Grover C. Ingersoll.

On the day following the meeting at Rome Lodge, although Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert was obliged to return to New York City, the Grand Exalted Ruler proceeded to Alexandria Bay where he visited with a number of Elks residing there, and then came on to Watertown, N. Y., Lodge, No. 496, in time for luncheon. During the afternoon Mr. Meier dedicated the new Home of Watertown Lodge before a representative attendance of members numbering more than one hundred and fifty. That eve-

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Left to right: Frank Ryan, Secretary of State; Alfred M. Landon, Governor of Kansas; Exalted Ruler Dr. W. H. Lyman, of Topeka, Kans., Lodge; Mr. Meier, and District Deputy Stanley J. Shook, on the occasion of Mr. Meier's visit to Kansas



Bill Steele, a member of Helena, Mont., Lodge, enjoys the open country with his very fine team of sled dogs. Steele uses the dogs for his many forages into the surrounding mountains

Elkdom Outdoors

J. H. Hamilton and Wilbur B. Hart, Associate Field Sports Editors



Above: J. H. Nieset and R. S. Kilcorse of Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, with both hands filled with clawless lobsters. We thought all lobsters had claws until this snapshot arrived. In addition to the lobsters they brought home all the red snappers they could carry. Jos. W. Coffin, PDDGER, sent in this unusual photo



Henry A. Nelson, H. N. Gauthier, L. N. Stice, T. V. Settle, and E. M. Canfield of Williston, N.D., Lodge, with a week-end bag of pheasants. Reports indicate that conditions in North Dakota are ideal for the raising of these popular game birds



Above: Arthur Griffith of Macon, Ga., Lodge, with a string of salt water fish that he caught in 2 hours and 40 minutes time at Tybee Island off the Georgia Coast. The catch consisted of croakers, shiners, trout, whiting and sheephead. They were all caught with rod and reel, and using nothing but shrimp for bait

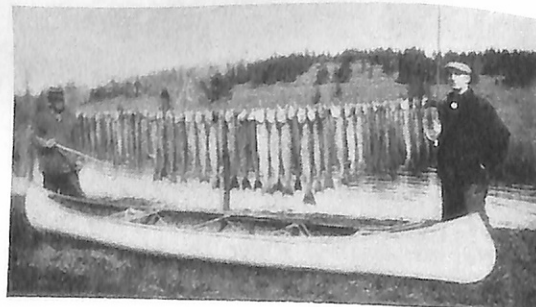
Below: Edward Reidy and Charlie Ryan of Winsted, Conn., Lodge, with Reidy's prize coon dog that treed nine coons in one night—a record for that section according to James L. Grady, Secretary of Winsted Lodge, who sent in the snapshot. The coons were all large in size and well furred



Below: Lieut. E. J. Barnes of the Shelton, Connecticut, Police Department and a member of Derby, Conn., Lodge, is shown on the right with a two-day catch of salmon and grilse taken from the Wiramichi River in New Brunswick. William Lyons, guide of Doak Town, N. B., is shown on the left



Above: Martin Fredricks, Roy V. Kopf and V. C. Mattei of Petaluma, Calif., Lodge, with a catch taken at Eel River in Humboldt County. The fish were all taken on a light rod and fly. The big one in the center weighed just twenty pounds



Below: Ray De Moss, PER, and Harry Winkley of Corvallis, Ore., Lodge, with their fine last season's kill

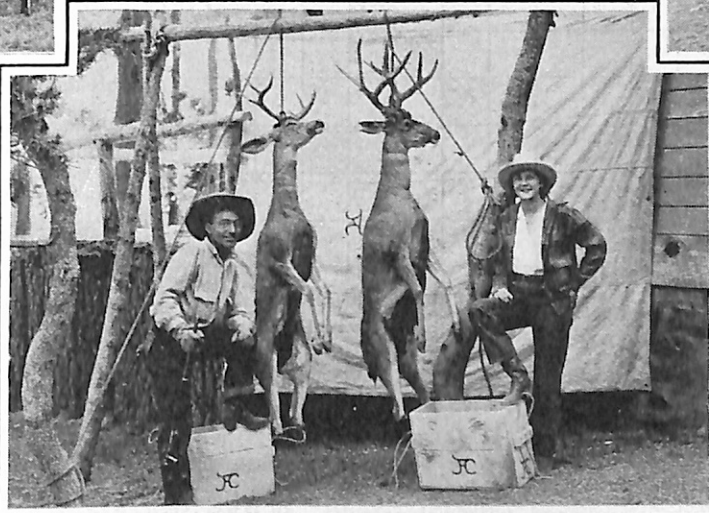


Above: James L. Williams, J. W. Evans, Steven Appel and Rudolph Franck with a 250 lb. black bear and three bucks taken 123 miles from N. Y. C.

Below: "The hits and the Mrs.," says S. D. Martin of Ft. Dodge, Ia., Lodge—and sends in the proof of both



Left: Earl Burcham of Caldwell, Ia., Lodge, demonstrating the easiest way of "taking a buck for a real ride"



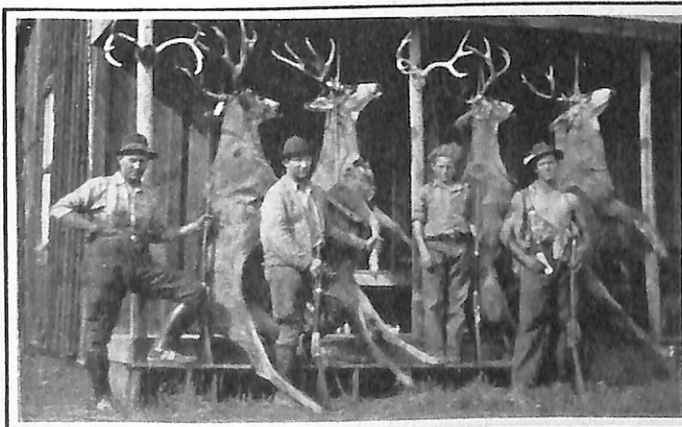
Above: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carr of Santa Monica, Calif., with deer taken near their private hunting cabin at Mammoth Lakes

Right: V. E. Semones of Murfreesboro, Tenn., with his 250 lb. buck taken in Western Texas near the Mexican border



Answer to Last Month's Bird Dog Problem: Point on left—single bird; on right, covey point

Elkdom Goes After Its Deer—and Gets Them



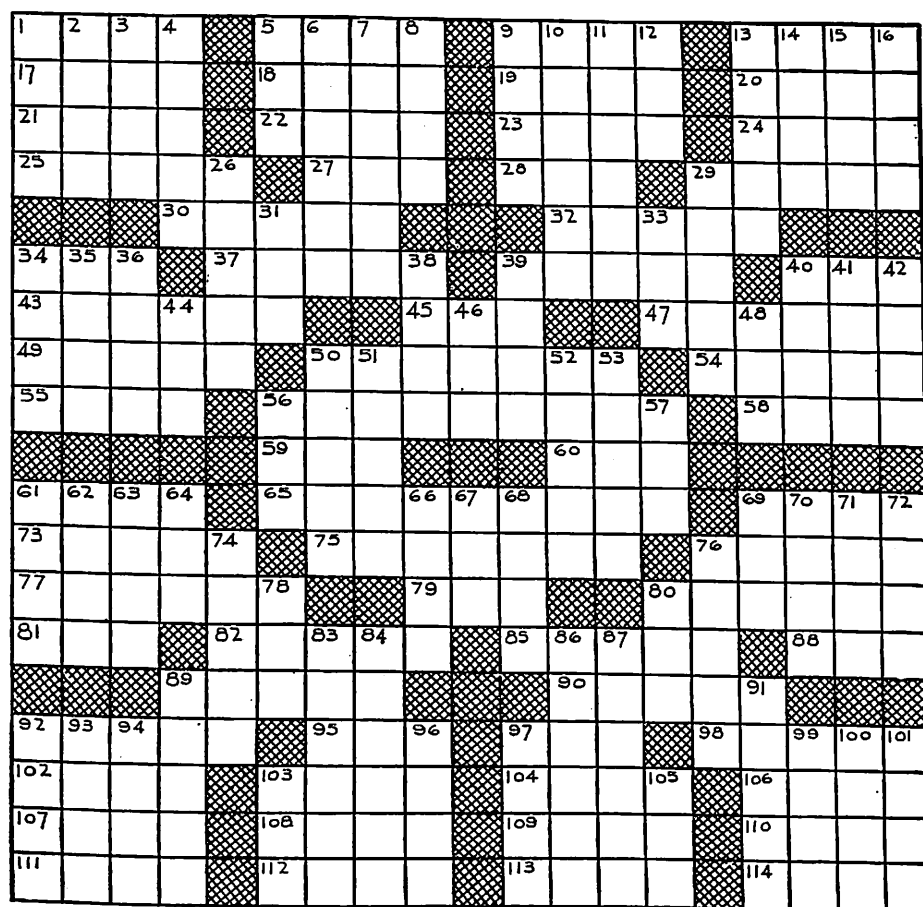
E. A. Holliday of Oregon City, Ore., with a party of friends bagged the above fine, big mule deer in the John Day country in Eastern Oregon. The snapshot was sent in by F. J. McAnulty, correspondent for Oregon City Lodge



Chris Wetzstein, J. K. Kennelly, Al Craychee and Frank Wetzstein with a bag taken at Wetzsteins' shooting lodge in the Missouri River bottoms near Mandan, N. D. The Wetzsteins supply meat at least once a year for the Elks

Cross-Word Puzzle

By Richard Hoadley Tingley



Across

- 1—Partially
5—Assist
9—Unbleached
13—Enemies
17—Winglike
18—Old Teutonic symbol
19—Lowest part
20—Unoccupied
21—Wander
22—Closes
23—Real
24—Snout
25—Joins
27—Acquire
28—Drunkard
29—Guarded
30—A sculptured slab
32—Stair post
34—Linger
37—Prevent
39—Alleviated
40—An areola command
43—Irritate
45—A corded fabric
47—A common fruit
49—Uproar
50—Tales
54—Governor
55—Insects
56—Morsels

Down

- 58—Village
59—Wing
60—Consumed
61—Fled
65—Artist
69—Positive
73—Black and blue
75—Struggled
76—Rodent
77—Smoothed
79—Epoch
80—Grumble
81—Lair
82—Oral
85—Appraises
88—Before
89—Fed
90—Ceremonies
92—Whole
95—Steal
97—Obtained
98—Possessing savor
102—Above
103—Salary
104—Principle
106—Weed
107—Scarce
108—A slave
109—At sea
110—Greek god of love
111—Shade trees
112—Cozy retreat
113—Utmost
114—Fell

Down

- 1—Injury
2—A medicinal plant
3—Wash
4—Harasses
5—Existing
6—Botch
7—To hold dear
8—Trial
9—Newts
10—Crown
11—Courses
12—Shoshonean Indian
13—Last
14—Smell
15—Otherwise
16—Source
26—A scaffold
29—A pinaceous tree
31—Wife of Adam
33—Entangle
34—River in Siberia
35—Soon
36—Courage
38—Pace
39—An epos
40—An areola
41—Afresh
42—Caution
44—Dolt
46—Silkworm
48—A fruit
50—Auctions
51—Region
52—Puff up
53—Surgical thread used to form an issue
56—Cushion
57—Weight of India
61—Vanished
62—Reside
63—Level
64—Triumph
66—Verbal
67—Outfit
68—Affirm
69—Earthenware
70—A stringed instrument
71—Employer
72—Withered
74—Demon
76—Meditates
78—Put on
80—United
83—Bright cherry-red
84—Decorates
86—Excite
87—Appellations
89—Challenges
91—Surfeits
92—Ripped
93—Elliptical
94—Word
96—A vegetable
97—Seize
99—Kind of rubber
100—Strength
101—A pulpit
103—Female fowl
105—Corrode

Fighter's Feud

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Denny was no longer smiling. His face was a mask intent upon Crawford's distorted face. The full surge of confidence possessed him, the assurance of success. He was again master, as he had always been. Mind and body were one weapon, indivisible, launched upon his opponent. In the remote part of his thought ran the sweet stream of victory, bearing the reward, the money he needed to make Nora and his son secure.

He staggered Crawford with a straight right and went in fast smashing the exposed body until Joe's knee came up in spasmodic reflex. Joe hung on, his wet, bloody face pressed desperately upon Denny's chest. The referee slapped their shoulders but Crawford refused to break. The bell rang, and Joe swayed, one arm raised in bewilderment seeking for direction. The crowd was roaring for the kill. Denny thought exaltedly, "Next round! Next round!"

Jake Parker, in the press row, leaned back chuckling.

"It's like a fairy tale," he thought, "honest."

It was a wow of a climax to a story he had never hoped to see explained or finished. This didn't explain it, of course, but it was a proper last chapter, even if the mystery remained unsolved. And was there really a mystery? Might it not be one of those unreasonable happenings that originate meaninglessly in the obscurity of the human heart?

Jake had never been able to decide. Still, with or without motive, the hatred of Joe Crawford for Denny Harper and the resulting feud was no press-agent ballyhoo, concocted for the always gullible public. The hatred was real; the feud had created a legend. It was a fantastic legend, threaded with grotesque comedy. For almost five years it had supplied sports writers with humorous copy. But Jake had never been able to think of it as being altogether humorous.

At first no one had given any attention to the savage young fighter who had pounded his way through all the tough boys in the small clubs and begun to challenge Denny Harper. It appeared like the conventional bid for publicity and it seemed ridiculous to match him with the suave and brilliant Harper, rising fight by fight to the top of the middle-weights. Then it was realized that Crawford's wild demands concealed a bitter determination. The bout was signed by promoters who recognized the value of a real "natural." Then the week before the fight, Joe, leaping from the training ring, fell and broke his arm. The anticipation dissolved in laughter. The idea of a fighter falling out of the ring was ludicrous. But not to Jake. Not after he had seen Crawford while Joe sat, his arm in a plaster cast during the fifteen rounds that Denny gave Sailor O'Hara a boxing lesson. The sight of Crawford's smouldering, blasted face, as he watched another fighter in the ring where he should have been made Jake feel queer, uneasy.

And in the months when Joe's arm refused to heal properly, Jake would see him occasionally in various hangouts and listen to Crawford talking. Always it was the same thing; when he and Denny would fight.

Nor had it seemed comic to Jake when, after a year and a half, Joe, matched again with Denny, had developed mumps just before the bout. Everybody else thought so. But Jake went to the hospital where Crawford lay in bed and looked at the boxer's livid face and listened to the choked fury

After you have done the puzzle, check your answers with the solution on page 34.

issuing from his swollen throat. Shamelessly, Jake had tried to discover why Joe hated Denny so bitterly.

"I got my reasons," Joe croaked evasively. "Plenty! I'll fight him if it takes the rest of my life. He's afraid of me because of what he done, see? He's yellow."

"I never saw any sign of it," Jake said. "He's yellow," Joe repeated obstinately. "Only a guy that's yellow woulda done what he did. You wait, Parker. I'll get a fight. I'll get one, see. I'll show you and everybody else how yellow he is. I'll show you . . ."

The nurse came in then and Jake departed, puzzled and thoughtful. So the feud was not without motive. And it had to be settled in the ring. As a sports writer, Jake wanted to see the result; as Denny's friend, he hoped there would never be a match.

There never was.

Despite Joe's raging and demanding. Something always intervened. Ridiculous things, all of them. Only, Jake thought, ridiculous merely on the surface. Underneath they were . . . not tragic, exactly, and, yet, what other word was there?

Denny became champion. He was a great champion and popular. Joe became an in-and-out, and drifted back to the small clubs. The months slipped by, and suddenly Denny announced he would retire after his next fight.

"And that," thought Jake, "set off the last of the fireworks."

He was eating dinner with Denny in Kebberly's Chop House. Crawford came in and plunged toward their table. He put his great hands on the table edge, and said in a husky voice:

"Are you gonna give me a fight?"

"No," said Denny. "Why should I?"

"You know why," Joe said. "You lousy, yellow double-crosser."

Denny said quietly:

"Somebody show this kid out."

Joe swung suddenly at Denny's jaw. Denny jerked his head aside. In a moment the place was in a tumult. Joe knocked two men down with two terrific punches. Then an over-anxious waiter crashed a beer bottle on Crawford's head and he fell unconscious. An ambulance carted him away to the hospital.

"There you are," thought Jake, "or almost."

Denny retired. He invested his money and built a fine house up in Westchester County. Crawford went on fighting. It was his profession and he had to live. He became a sort of trial horse for his class. When he heard that Denny intended to return to the ring, Joe began seeking a bout. Where in the past he had raged and threatened, now he was grimly patient. Patience got him what fury had failed to do. When Denny came to New York for his first important fight, after a well-planned come-back among second and third raters in small towns, Joe Crawford was in the opposite corner.

"So this is the end of it?" Jake Parker thought, "but where did it begin, and why?"

He turned and there was Nora's pale face gazing at him.

"Nora Harper," he said, astounded. "What on earth? . . ."

"I couldn't stay away," she answered. "Jake, is Denny all right?"

"He never was 'all-righter,'" Jake said,

grinning. "Even when he was champ. If Crawford lasts two more rounds I'll swallow my typewriter."

Nora tried to smile. Jake noticed her hands. She was tearing her handkerchief, slowly, unknowingly. Her gaze passed over his head up to the ring where the two fighters rose at the bell.

"Joe hates Denny," she said. "He'd like to kill him."

THE fight went on amid the steady howling of the crowd. In the center of the sound, under the brilliant lights, the stocky figure of Crawford continued its futile rushes. Denny waited, moving swiftly, watching for the opening. When it came, he went in with a single movement, body and arm uncoiling like a serpent striking. Crawford spun toward the ropes. Denny was on him before he could recover. Joe twisted, clutching at those deadly arms. They were so close together it seemed no blow could be struck. Then Denny stepped back and Crawford was toppling forward. He fell face down on the canvas. The referee bent over him and began the count. At six Crawford arose, but the gong rang before the fight could be resumed.

"Great," said Morgan. "You got him, now. Nail him once more and he won't get up. How d'you feel?"

"All right," Denny said. "I waited too long."

He wanted to look at Nora, but he knew that he must not. He mustn't think about Nora. Only about the fight. He had waited too long. If there had been thirty seconds more the fight would be over. He had made a mistake in judgment. It worried him a little.

"This round," Denny thought. "Lucky seventh!" Crawford was not coming to him any more. He waited hunched, just out of his corner, his round head sunk behind shoulder and gloves. Over the wet dark gloves his eyes shone in their swollen sockets. He was at bay, sullen and more dangerous than in the wild fury of his rushing. Denny knew he had to open him up. He had to lead and make him come out into the open. He jabbed and realized instantly he had misjudged the distance. His glove slid over Crawford's shoulder and instantly Denny knew he was in peril. He reached for Joe's right hand and partly blocked the punch. But he was off balance and fell awkwardly toward the ropes. He

caught at Joe to drag him in close before he could get set. Crawford's hands flashed, left and right and left again. The first blow was like something splitting under Denny's ribs. It seared upward through his lungs and into his head. His heart seemed to stop beating, and his body felt as though it were falling away from him. In that moment of nothingness, the second punch landed. There was no shock with that one, only a quick sagging at his knees and a feeling of lassitude. With the third punch, Crawford was too eager. The glove rasped across Denny's chest and under his arm. Instinctively he clamped Joe's wrist against him. Through the interval that followed, Denny's body went on fighting. He knew it was fighting and in some strange fashion followed its movements. He sensed his body writhing and sliding away from danger, and his hands blocking and holding. His body went on fighting for a long time; for the infinity of time when he was slowly re-entering it. Then he was inside again, directing his body and seeing Joe clearly. The bell rang and he went across the ring toward Morgan's outstretched hands. He was inside his body again, but it no longer seemed his; it felt so old and exhausted and trembling. The cold sponge struck upon his neck and he knew he must turn and smile assurance at Nora. She was sitting there, close to him, a few feet away . . . Her face was a faint, wavering blur.

Crawford took the protector from his mouth and grinned through bruised lips.

"I got him," he said. "He's fought out."

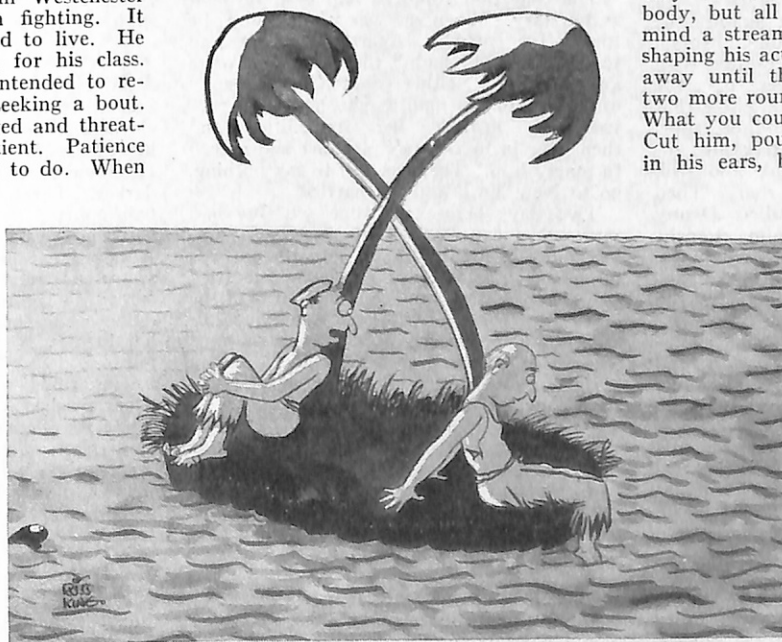
"Now for God's sake, don't get careless," his manager said. "This guy's smart. This fight ain't over. He's got six rounds, and maybe a break on that one. Everybody's for him. You got to put him away cold." "Cold," said Joe. "He'll be cold all right. I got him."

Crawford came forward. Now he had him. After twelve years. Suddenly, when he had almost ceased hoping. It was as though his hands sensed that something had gone out of Denny, leaving him vulnerable. He was reaching him now. The impact of his gloves on Denny's body, jarred along his arms. There was a shadow over Denny's eyes. He still boxed beautifully but his hands were not enough. His legs could not move him away from Crawford's rushes.

The fight slithered along the ropes, now, with Denny on the ropes, and Joe working from the inside of the ring. He thought only of hitting those patches of exposed body, but all the time there swirled in his mind a stream of wordless desires, exultant, shaping his actions. He wouldn't put Denny away until the last moment. There were two more rounds for vengeance. Six minutes. What you could do to a guy in six minutes. Cut him, pound him, smash the cartilages in his ears, beat his belly until flesh and viscera would never be the same. Break him in body and spirit. Make him pay for everything, the humiliation, the years of waiting. . . . Sweet waiting, now.

A little blood oozed between Denny's lips. He didn't try to hit Joe. Every part of him was concentrated on maintaining the assurance of his manner, on evading those cruel hands. Crawford mustn't know how badly he was hurt; the judges mustn't know; no one. And something must be saved? The gong? Why didn't it ring? He didn't dare glance at the clock that marked the

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"You know, Joe, I believe I'm getting a touch of wanderlust!"

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seconds The bell rang. Denny took one step, blindly, toward a neutral corner, corrected himself and walked steadily toward his own corner. Crawford threw back his head and laughed.

Thirty thousand dollars, Denny thought. The figures whirled in his dazed brain. Fifteen, that he would receive for the fight, bet at even money. Bet here and there on himself; placed by friends. Everything staked on this fight. Thirty thousand added to what he had made in the six months of fighting in small towns, meant a new chance.

"If I get by these two rounds," he said thickly. "Can I win?"

"It's close," Morgan said. "But I think so. You got six rounds sure. How do you feel?"

"Terrible," said Denny. "There's nothing left. I can't hurt him. I'll make it look good. Can you fix that cut?"

"It's stopped bleeding. Try to keep him from openin' it up. Blood looks bad."

"He's strong," Denny said. "He wants to put me away."

"Yeah," said Morgan. "Box him."

"Twelve years," said Denny, and laughed. Fifteen thousand bet at even money. Everything he had. If he lost the fight, there was nothing left.

THE fight was close to Nora. It was part of her, and she was part of the fight. The pound of feet and the sharp thud of the gloves beat in her blood. She could hear their echo above the rapid sound of her heart. She had never seen Denny fight before; never wanted to. When he fought she had remained home, confident in his strength, protected by his courage. Now she was close to Denny, and could do nothing. She knew he was hurt and that he no longer controlled the fight. The look on Crawford's face told her and the continuous shouting of the crowd. She became confused and could not follow the swift movement of the fight. She saw only Denny. He hit; he was hit. This was what he was doing for her, for their boy. It was unreal, like a monstrous dream. No, it was real, filled with rage and terror and pain. She caught Jake's arm and cried:

"Is he hurt, Jake? Is Denny hurt?"

"No," said Jake. "He's all right." But his eyes exposed the lie.

She did not see the blow, but she saw Denny falling. He went over backward, with incredible slowness, falling against the far ropes. He seemed to be falling through years, through ages of time; falling with one arm trailing along the upper rope, the hand too weak to close the dark glove that slid, slipped off, struck the middle rope, clung, loosened, pawed the unresisting air. His face hung toward her, blank and still. The crowd surged up with a roar. Then men sprang into the ring, pulled Denny across to his corner, slapping him, drenching him with water, holding a tiny bottle under his nose She heard Jake saying loudly, "The bell the bell saved him."

Beyond the frantic figures of his seconds, Nora could see Denny's face drawn and muted and the thread of blood unravelling from between his slack lips.

This was her fault. Because of her blundering, her lack of courage, this terrible suffering had come to Denny. There seemed to be no space in her mind for any thought except of Denny, yet the past returned in flashes of memory and she felt those two divisions of herself, each with its separate agony.

She was with Joe as she had known him. When they had lived as children in a long row of identical red brick houses. She remembered the rough devotion he gave her as a schoolboy. Later, when she was

scarcely more than a girl, inexperienced, timid, impressionable, she had agreed to marry him, because their parents wished them to marry and because his fierce possessiveness, his jealousy, the intensity of his desire, flattered her young vanity.

"I was stupid," she thought despairingly. "But I was hardly more than a child, really."

So she had promised. Joe went to California on a job that would make his fortune. He was to get a start, she would join him and be married. . . .

Denny stirred, sat upright. A man put his hands under his ribs and lifted his body,

Solution to Cross-Word Puzzle (See page 32)

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letting him fill his lungs without effort. . . .

The summer after Joe had gone away, Nora went to Atlantic City. How clearly it all came back to her. Bright seas and a sun-drenched beach, and a voice saying, "You ought to know Denny Harper." Her hair had blown over her eyes. She had to brush it aside in order to see him. He stood above her outlined on the sky, smiling. In that moment she knew there was no other man for her.

"Knowing that," Nora thought, "didn't help me."

The time that followed had been torment and ecstasy. When she was with Denny she forgot Joe entirely. Apart, he returned to torture her. She hadn't the courage to write and tell him. Neither could she tell Denny of Joe. For six months she hesitated, prevaricated, justified her irresolution—and then gave in to Denny's pleading and agreed to marry him. They decided to say nothing, go to New York and be married.

Two days before the time set, Joe had returned, unexpectedly. He came back somber, morose, fired from his job. There was no longer possibility of evasion. She tried to save Joe this final humiliation, but he demanded to know what was wrong. While she stammered, telling him, he said nothing. The color drained from his face, and a curious glow began in his brooding eyes. At last he said:

"O.K. I'll go see this guy."

Nora remembered the cold wave of fear breaking over her heart. That night she had not slept. She lay in the darkness shaking with terror. What would Joe do? Anything was possible.

What he had done, actually, was beyond her imagining. Denny had told her later, after they were married.

Joe had sought him out, and said Denny would have to fight him. They would fight at the Columbia A. C. so everything would be on the level. He didn't trust anyone,

now. Nora had double-crossed him. They would fight and whoever won would marry Nora. Denny had refused. Joe didn't listen. He repeated it all, over and over. It was a preposterous situation. At last Denny had consented. But he warned Joe that no matter what the outcome might be, he intended to marry Nora. Joe had looked at him with his pale, burning glance and said, dully: "Whoever wins will marry Nora."

"I couldn't have foreseen that," Nora thought. "No one could."

No one could have foreseen the events flowing out of that bitter, indecisive encounter; not the interest in Denny of John Burke, who saw in the amateur the shadow of a great champion; nor the rise of Denny as a boxer. No one could have guessed that Joe, by his passion for revenge, would cast everything aside and become a fighter.

"No one," Nora thought, "no one."

It was two years later that she had met Joe by chance. He appeared bigger and his face was already marked by the impact of gloves. He had stopped her and said, "He didn't lick me. That didn't settle it. What I said goes. Some day I'll lick him, and then . . ."

After that, Nora was afraid. The fear rested always upon the edge of her life. For she had known, always, that the moment would come. . . . And here, now, tonight, the implacable pursuer was close to the end of his pursuit; separated by ten seconds as the whistle shrilled. Denny, her husband, the only man she had ever, could ever love, and Joe, whom she had betrayed, watching him, his lips curling, his body taut with eagerness. Nora saw Denny rise slowly. He did not turn to her. His eyes were upon Crawford.

The sound of the bell came from far away. Denny arose, went slowly forward and touched Joe's gloves over the barrier of the referee's arm. The white sleeve vanished and he saw Joe set himself for a punch. Denny jabbed weakly and stepped inside the blow. His head felt swollen with pain, and he couldn't concentrate on the fight. The memory of Nora, sitting on the lawn under a striped umbrella, the head of his son dark against her pale dress, floated through the pain. Love was stronger than hate, it was said. Then why wasn't he stronger than Crawford? This, to Crawford, was only the vengeful ending to a preposterous situation; to Denny it meant the salvation of all that a man holds dear. He must win, but could he? "Can't?" thought Denny despairingly. "Must!"

HE plodded forward, flat-footed, his body sagging from the waist. No science now, no cleverness, no skill. Blankness settled over his eyes. His face looked old and gray. He fought on and on in a place growing darker. Through the gathering darkness the pain spurted its fitful lightning. The spaces between the pain held clear images of Nora; Nora young and smiling; Nora waiting his victorious return; Nora's dark hair outspread on the pillow in the hospital bed, her downcast glance absorbed in the child at her breast; Nora believing in him, depending . . .

The crowd had gone mad, but the tumult never reached Denny. He fought in a gray waste of silence and pain, borne up by a memory.

Crawford watched the ex-champ and retreated, biding his time. This couldn't last. Nobody could take the beating Denny had taken and have anything left. In a moment Denny would have fought himself out. There was a limit to flesh and blood. But the moment stretched out to a half minute, and still that bruised face, terrible in its impassivity, pressed close to Crawford's own, and those flailing gloves too feeble to do any real damage, kept him off balance.

The thirty seconds became a minute. Joe caught a glimpse of his manager screaming advice to him, pleading, his face red and distorted. A sensation of bewilderment swept over him. He clenched and hung on, distracted, baffled, uncertain. The referee tugged at his arm. He stepped away, rushed in wildly and lashed out with left and right. The jar of the blows, landing solidly, shook his body. He saw Denny falling away from him, thought, "That ends it," and felt suddenly queer and trembling. The referee shouldered him aside. He walked toward a neutral corner, looking back at the sprawled figure on the canvas. Dimly he was aware that the crowd was silent. The shrill voice of the referee counted, "Three!" Joe dabbed his nose with his glove. "Only three?" he thought dully. Why, it seemed like a year. Then he saw Denny thrust with his arms, tear his body away from the canvas as though breaking free of some invisible bondage. The referee shouted, "Five!" and Denny stood upright.

Joe brushed at his eyes in amazement. He felt powerless to move; held in a kind of awe and admiration. The referee was staring curiously at him. The silence exploded in sound. Joe could not think clearly. As he hesitated Denny came toward him, arms hanging limply, chin sagging on his chest, yet a shadow of a smile in his eyes, as he advanced, calmly, without fear. And in that moment Joe's hatred became tenuous and unreal. The past faded and with it the reason that had sustained the past and created the present. The desire that had driven him for so long had vanished; it was as though it had never existed. He saw Denny without fury, without rancor; realized that Denny possessed the one thing that he respected. Courage. He lifted his gloved hand in a queer gesture, it was a movement of despair, as though things were no longer in his control. Step by step, Denny approached, a shambling walk. Joe set himself. The moment he had lived for had come, and it had no meaning. Finish it! One punch and it was over. . . .

Nora sensed what was happening. Everyone realized it, and the roar sank into a

long wailing. The thin sound seemed to be sucked back on a single indrawn breath of the vast throng. It was as though the arena were suddenly emptied of air, leaving only the spectral wailing. Everything was rigid with waiting, and in the suspension of movement, Joe's arm curved as it began the incredibly swift arc of that last punch. Nora swayed forward, caught at the back of the seat ahead, closed her eyes. . . .

SHE did not see the unconquerable lunge of Denny's body, the indomitable effort of a once great champion, the final flame of courage that burns in the heart of a man fighting for more than himself. The tumult that burst upon her agony did not tell her that Crawford had fallen suddenly, his jaw sagging with amazement. A shrill madness was going on about her, as Crawford arose, clutched at Denny, missed and stepped bewildered into a right that sent him sprawling on the canvas, but she was too exhausted to lift her head. Then Crawford got up and Denny was on him, punching, punching, punching. . . . And the final bell rang!

The tumult went on, but Nora was afraid to look. She felt someone grasp her shoulder, shaking her violently, and she opened her eyes to see Jake's dazed face thrust close to her own. He was shouting:

"Denny gets it! Nora, Denny gets the fight! D'y'you hear, Nora?"

The spinning lights became stationary, and she could see the referee holding Denny's arm aloft and Joe leaning against the ropes watching Denny with an incomprehensible expression upon his face. As she gazed, the ring swarmed with men, screaming and cheering.

Through the crowd that yelled and slapped and tugged at him, Denny saw Joe coming across the ring. He shoved the men aside as though he did not see them, and stopped directly before Denny. He stood panting a little, his head down, looking up from under his heavy brows. Someone threw his old white sweater over his shoulders, and he drew it absently close to his chin. Then he

spread his hands awkwardly and said in his husky voice:

"Well, you got the fight, didn't you!"

"Yes," said Denny.

"That's O.K. by me," Joe said. He passed his hand across his mouth and added slowly, as though he were bringing the words by great effort from some remote part of his being: "That's O.K.! What I mean is, I guess I had you all wrong. I kept thinking all this time you was yellow, see."

He turned his head and glared at the men nearby, as though expecting to be contradicted. Then he looked at Denny and grinned.

"Yeah," he said. "I had you wrong, all right. You was the gamest guy I ever fought."

"Thanks, Joe," Denny said.

Crawford shuffled his feet and stammered, "Everything what I said I ain't sayin' no more, see? We're quits, you and me."

He lifted his hand hesitantly. There was something childlike and pathetic in the gesture. Denny put out his hand.

"Well," said Joe, "so long, Denny."

"Good luck, Joe."

CRAWFORD nodded and turned away. He went to the edge of the ring to crawl through the ropes. As he bent under the upper rope he saw Nora standing below, gazing up at him, and he had a vague impulse to speak to her, to tell her something scarcely clear in his own mind. But she was too far away and, besides, he could think of no words for what he wanted to say. For a moment they stood gazing at one another. Then Joe instinctively raised his bandaged hands and shook them in the conventional friendly gesture of the fighter, dropped to the floor and strode away up the aisle.

Nora pressed her hands across her eyes. She felt dizzy with released happiness. It was as though she were passing from under a shadow into the serenity of a peaceful day, into a time that held no fear, only an endless vista of happiness. . . . She reached out and caught Jake's arm.

"Jake," she said, "I want to go to Denny."

How to Live a Happy Life

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considered work, though I assure you that it is play. In the realm of obvious diversion, I play golf, dance, go motoring, play bridge, poker, rummy or solitaire (I'm not particular) read, and build blocks with my four-year-old.

I understand that the NRA is worried about what people are going to do with themselves in their spare time. I hope it isn't worried about me.

WITH training and experience in a number of fields of endeavor, I am untroubled by thoughts of the future. I am fairly well established in my profession of writing; but if that should fail me, I am sure that I can earn a living at some other kind of work. In my flight astride Pegasus, I have not neglected to wear a parachute or two.

I must admit that I was not motivated by practical considerations in building up my economic security. I was actuated by an insatiable desire for happiness. During those early years when I was fighting the shame of my afflictions, I found escape through keeping busy, mentally and manually. A confident feeling of security is my reward.

A feeling of security, mind you! I cannot go so far as to state that my security is actual, for I am neither clairvoyant nor prophetic. But a man's present happiness is not based on what his future will be. It

is founded on what he *thinks* his future will be.

I have acquired confidence in myself by having had to overcome so many apparently insurmountable obstacles. Besides what I have accomplished physically, despite my crippled condition, the usual tasks and trials of normal life seem somewhat trivial to me.

If you would like to gain some idea of what a crippled child must endure before he can learn to walk, visit some orthopedic hospital; spend an hour or two watching the young victims of infantile paralysis at their daily grind. See them, encased in the vise of steel braces, trying to bring their semi-paralyzed legs forward, as one must to walk. Watch particularly their faces. You will see on most of these faces an expression of determination that is transfiguring. Their pain is lost in their exaltation. Their fears are submerged in the realization of their scarcely perceptible progress. They won't learn to walk in a few days, or a few weeks, or a few months. They must keep on trying and plugging and working for many years. Their fate—cruel though it may seem to you—is making real men and women of them. Their hardships, their sufferings, their deprivations are laying the solid foundation for their future happiness.

It took me fifteen long years to learn to walk without braces. Can I forget those years? Would I forget them, if it were

possible to do so? I treasure them in my memory. I cling to them as if they were something sweet and worthy of cherishing. They are. The pain of them is vague. But the accomplishments are vivid; they are always present; they are like firm fingers under my chin to make me hold up my head with righteous pride. They are a part of my happiness.

Sometimes, even now, when I remove my clothing, I contemplate my shapeless, muscleless legs with a sort of wonder. A lump rises to my throat—indicative not of sadness nor self-pity, but of pride. I remember what I have done—with those legs. It was not enough to move forward in the halting progress of a cripple's locomotion. If I could go so far as to walk without the support of braces, what was there that I could not accomplish?

I began, in my early twenties, to train at gymnasiums. For years, even with the weight of braces on me, I had exercised on rings and bars and other apparatus. I had developed the upper part of my body until I was strong and muscular. I wanted to learn how to box. I did learn how. I was able to hold my own with almost any amateur of my weight, however sturdy were his legs. I was fast; I could hit hard, and—need I tell you?—I could "take it." At "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien's I put on the gloves with the late Harry Greb when he

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was light-heavyweight champion of the world. After our bout, he was still the champion. But I have an alibi. He outweighed me by fifty-five pounds. In Hollywood, at Jack Kaufman's, I boxed with Tommy Mandell, then the world's light-weight champion. He, too, retained his championship. But neither of them had anything on me. I, providentially, retained my life.

Learning how to play golf was even more difficult for me than boxing. Golf, all of us know, requires balance. The player must take his stance squarely, plant himself firmly on both feet, and maintain his position during the upward and downward swings. Perhaps some of you have not found that easy to do. It was very hard for me. The reason why it presented such a deep problem in my case is that *I cannot stand alone*. Having no living muscles in my lower limbs, I can maintain a balance only while I am in motion. If I want to stand still, I must take hold of something. Merely touching some stationary object with my fingertips suffices.

But I learned to play golf. When I am in practice I do the eighteen in about ninety. I found a way, you see, to balance myself by touching the club head against the ground behind the ball, then swinging, more quickly than good form permits, but before I am thrown off balance. Get up on a pair of stilts some time and try it!

In like manner, everything that I have done has cost me a greater effort than the normal man must expend. I have had to plan, invent, practice, before I could do the things that come naturally to other men.

I am explaining all this, not for the purpose of boasting (which, even though I remain anonymous, would not be in good taste) but so that I may reveal some sources of happiness that most people overlook.

Adaptability and Accomplishment! To be happy one must find a way to adapt oneself to conditions, or to adapt conditions to oneself. From doing so, accomplishment results. The more formidable are a man's handicaps, the greater are his opportunities for adaptation and accomplishment. You learned to walk; so did I. When you walk, does the realization that you are walking mean anything to you at all? To me it is an unending source of happiness.

Do not imagine that I am conscious of it with every step I take. But deep down inside of me is that warm glow of satisfaction, burning steadily like a pilot light; and at any moment some incident may touch it and cause it to leap into a flame of conscious happiness.

A few evenings ago I went with a young lady to the supper room of a hotel. As we followed the headwaiter down the aisle between tables, my lameness was noticed discreetly by waiters and guests.

(My lameness, of course, is always noticed. I am aware of the fact. I did not conquer my former shame of it by deceiving myself into the false belief that no one could observe it. I faced the fact and truthfully convinced myself that it didn't matter; that no one would think less of me because I

was lame. My philosophy is not based on self-hypnotism. My happiness is, to be sure, a state of mind; but the controlling government of that state is not made up of delusion. Do you believe that a lingering sensitiveness makes me imagine that my lameness immediately strikes the most casual eye? Not long ago I walked into a department store. It was just before the NRA days and the store was not crowded. I carried a walking stick that afternoon and, in view of the denouement, I must tell you

the things that other boys were doing. It is a source of happiness I shall have with me as long as I live. If I found my happiness in material things—a fine automobile, a beautiful house, a large fortune—the automobile might be wrecked or stolen, the house might burn down, the fortune lost.

Do you perceive what I have done to capture happiness? I have taken my very afflictions—for they shall be forever mine—and in them I have found the essential ingredients of human happiness, as gold nuggets are found buried in the mud of a stream. In them I have discovered Security of Life and Living, Adaptation and Accomplishment, Love and Admiration.

No one knows better than the afflicted man the true meaning of love. As soon as he has freed himself of stupid, blinding shame, he begins to realize that he is living in a world of kind, friendly men and women. People reveal their hearts to him as to no one else. Strangers they may be, in so far as he has never seen them before, but they act toward him as friends. Is the traffic policeman at the corner only an automaton, devoid of humanness? To the crowds that surge past him, perhaps he is. But he will single out the afflicted man—the lame, the halt, the blind—he will shed his official armor, and reveal the heart that is in him. He will blow his whistle to halt traffic; he will assist the afflicted one from curb to curb; and in the gentle pressure of his fingers, in his kindly

eyes, in his warm smile, is the story of one human being's love for another human being.

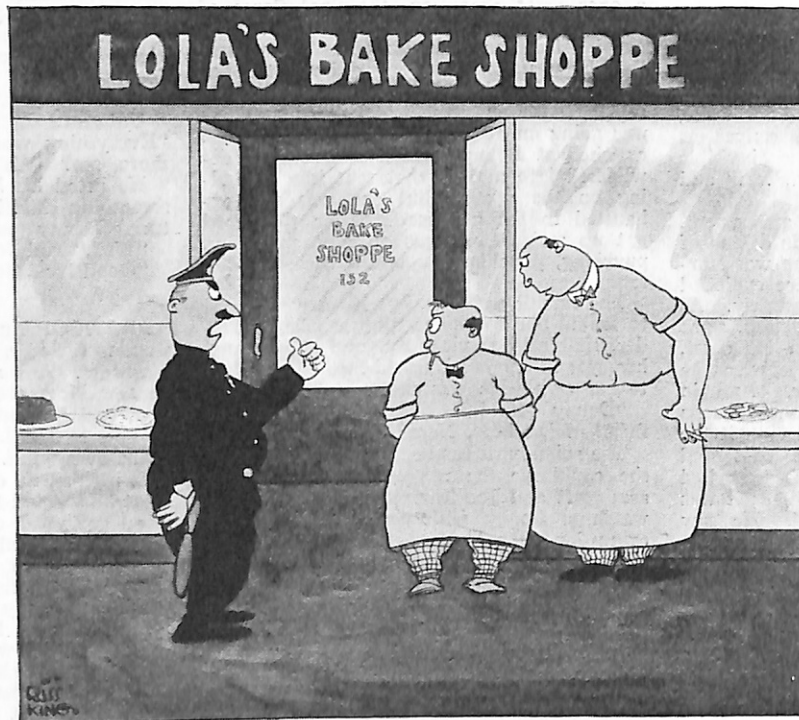
Some years ago, when I was younger and more adventurous, I used to seek "atmosphere" and "life" in out-of-the-way corners of New York. My friends would often warn me: "You mustn't go there! That's a tough district!" I went, anyway. I knew that I had nothing to fear. For them, perhaps, a visit there spelt danger; but I, a cripple, was safe.

One night I was in a Bowery dance hall, on a second floor not far removed from Doyer Street in Chinatown. A harder looking crowd of men and women than were gathered there would be difficult to find. There was a long bar across which was dispensed the vilest whiskey—perhaps not more vile than Prohibition later taught the connoisseur to drink—at ten cents a glass. All the toughs were a little drunk; a few were very drunk.

A young thug, too intoxicated to be discriminating, seemingly took a dislike to me—perhaps because I stood nearest him. He cursed me; I moved away. He followed me and caught hold of my shoulder. I should like to tell you that, like a movie hero, I defied him and sent him spinning with my trusty right fist. But I didn't do that. I was frightened half to death. This would be no gentleman's sparring bout in a gentleman's gymnasium!

I wasn't frightened for long. Within fifteen seconds after he caught hold of my shoulder and began to tell me what he was going to do to me—within fifteen seconds no less than eight or ten men had come to my rescue. They grabbed my persecutor and

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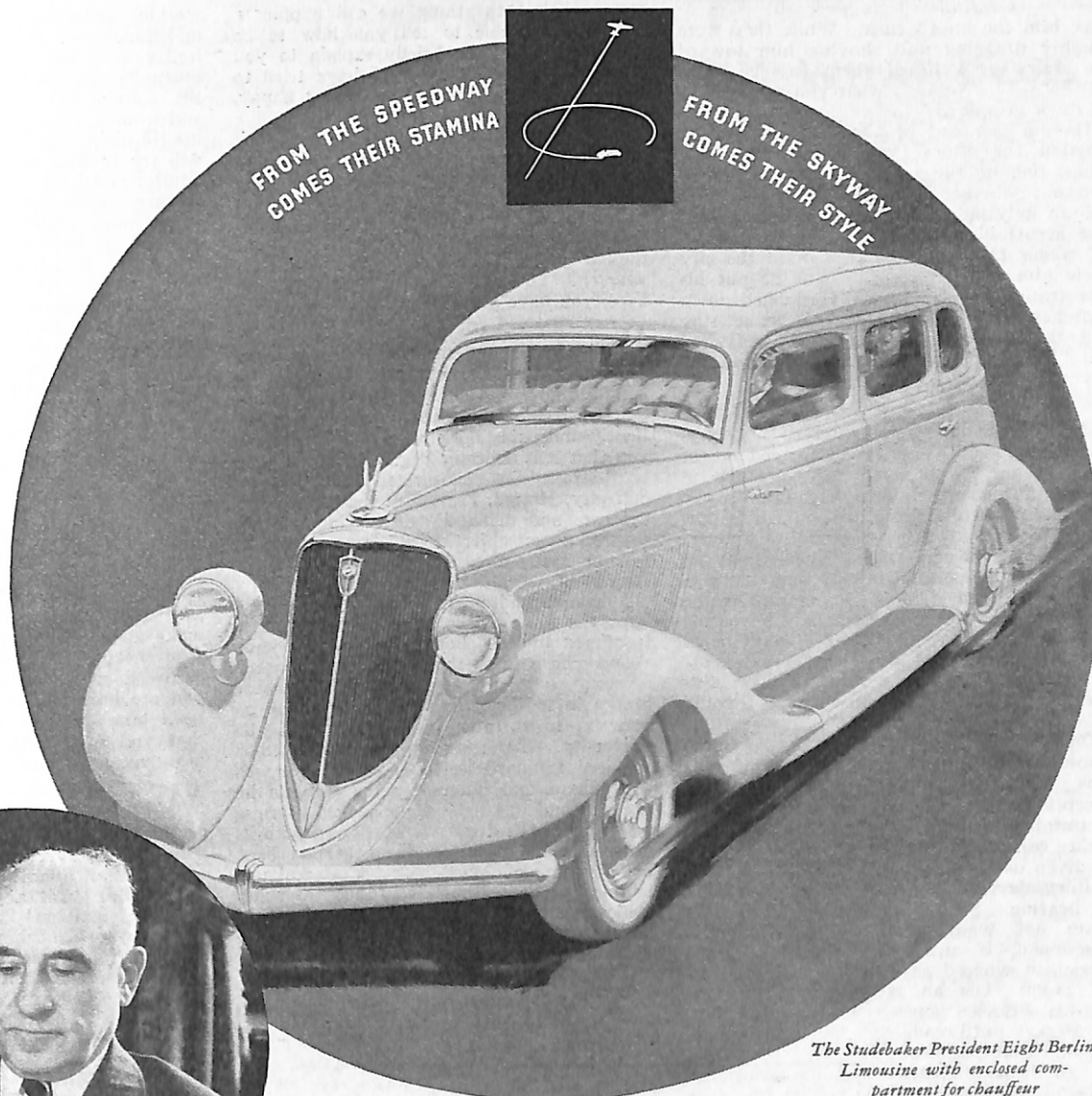


"Which one of you guys is Lola?"

that I wear a small mustache. A little boy, about six years old, was standing at a counter near his mother. He looked at me, wide-eyed, as I approached him. He tugged excitedly at his mother's skirt and shouted at the top of his voice: "Mother! Look! Here comes Charlie Chaplin!" The mother was frightfully embarrassed. I felt sorry for her.)

But to return to my story: My friend and I were shown to our table, and later, the music being inviting, we made our way to the dance floor. When we returned to our table, my friend said to me, "Did you notice the sensation you caused?" I had noticed; I couldn't very well help noticing. The waiters actually edged closer to the dance floor and stood—one of them with a loaded tray balanced on his fingers—watching me. A woman at a "ringside" table paused with a coffee cup halfway to her lips. She had seen me walking toward the floor; now she watched me dance. I dance, my partners tell me, very smoothly, and my lameness is not manifest.

There were a score of men dancing there that evening. Most of them, I suppose, enjoyed themselves. But what one of them knew the happiness that was mine? The experience was not new to me, but it is one that never loses its joyous thrill. I felt it when I boxed at the gymnasiums and everyone gathered round outside the ropes to watch me. It didn't matter to anyone whether I hit or was hit, whether I performed well or poorly. What captured their wonder, their admiring interest, was that I was in that ring, standing up, stepping around, ducking, blocking, with such inadequate legs to serve me. I knew it when I was a little boy, trying hard to do



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gave him the bum's rush. While they were roughly dragging and shoving him toward the stairway, I heard them saying, "You _____, what you mean pickin' on a cripple?"

Having disposed of the fellow who had violated the ethics even of gangsters and thugs, one of the men returned to me to find out whether I had been injured. He was an ugly-mug. He had a four-inch livid scar across his cheek, distorting his mouth. I'll wager that every policeman in the city knew him and his record. But he put his arm around my shoulders. He looked down apprehensively at my legs to make sure that they were not broken. He reassured me: "I'll be kind o' stickin' around, buddy, if you need me."

I AM tremendously indebted to my physical afflictions. They have deprived me of so little and have given me so much in return. For every minute of suffering, they have bestowed upon me an hour of happiness. Now that I have completely overcome the deficiencies of lameness, it is no more than a permanent but an inconsequential blemish, like a birthmark, on the surface of my life. In payment for wearing it, I am given happiness that I could never have known without it. It gave me rigorous but salutary training during my childhood; it taught me lessons which I could not otherwise have learned.

Even partial deafness, though far more annoying than lameness, has its compensations. Deafness is the instructor of the perceptions. It sharpens the wits. It aids in training the mind to be logical. It teaches concentration. And now that science has given us compact and powerful electrical auditory devices, we may almost normalize our hearing. Since you do not know who I am nor what make of instrument I recommend, I cannot be accused of commercialism when I say to my hard-of-hearing readers: Get an earphone! Try every electrical device on the market until you find one that permits you to hear. Then wear it and use it. Don't deny your deafened condition. You are fooling no one, not even yourself. Destroy Shame—and you will discover a new happiness. Hear what you want to hear; and when you desire that blessed, restful, peaceful silence that is bestowed only upon the deafened, click off the rheostat and that silence is yours. That is the only way to manage deafness, to live with it in happiness.

My happiness is only a state of mind. So was the misery and mental anguish that I once knew. Strangely enough, they are one.

But the workings of the mind, like the workings of Nature, are devious and strange. There is a cataclysm in the depths of the sea, and a beautiful island appears above the surface. So, out of suffering and despair

comes at last the thing we call happiness.

I was not able to tell you how to be happy, I could only briefly explain to you why I am a happy man. I have tried to make you realize that if you are not happy, you ought to be.

If you have failed to find happiness, it may be that you have tried to derive happiness from the wrong sources. You will never find it in becoming as rich as, or richer than your neighbor. You will never find it in conquest over your fellow man, though you will find it in conquest over yourself. You will never find it where, perhaps, you have always sought it.

BUT you can find it. In the circumstances of every man's life, whatever they may be, lies the more or less neglected germ of happiness. It must be discovered, isolated, patiently and painstakingly developed. I warn you that it is delicate, fragile. It may easily be destroyed by exposure to Shame, Envy, Self-pity, Hatred, Fear. But if fostered with the care and managed with the intelligence so precious an object merits, it will, in time, become hardy almost to the point of indestructibility.

I have found it in my afflictions. Perhaps the same fertile broth for its culture is offered by the shortcomings of everyone—and who is in all things perfect? There is a story told about a sophomore whose grades in mathematics and physics were so poor as to threaten his remaining at the university. To bring up the grades to a required standard he found it necessary to study hard and intensively the subjects he dreaded and disliked. He managed to raise his grades. His dread vanished, and with it, of course, his distaste. In what had been his obvious deficiency, a source of real unhappiness, he ultimately found security, achievement and acclaim. He became, as a matter of fact, one of the greatest mathematicians and physicists in the world.

The man was Steinmetz.

We are entering into an era of shorter

working hours with a corresponding increase in leisure time. The plan, designed for collective economic betterment, offers an opportunity for individual development and the cultivation of happiness. Many men and women, released from bondage to morning-till-night application to routine tasks, will try to find new happiness in a sort of South-Sea-Island worship of the god of Leisure. There are a few persons who truly enjoy doing nothing whatsoever. But they are not the ones who have been, until now, chained to long-hour jobs; they have never held a steady job.

Others will soon discover that pure leisure and sheer boredom are synonymous. A very little of lying around and sitting around in a desuetude of mental and physical activity will prove sufficient. You don't think so? Wait until you have tried a few weeks of very leisurely hours. You may smile ruefully at this, remembering these past years of unemployment. But enforced leisure and granted leisure have decidedly different psychological values.

When you have satisfied your long-denied desire to do absolutely nothing, so many hours a day; when you have come to the realization that pure leisure is not as pleasant as it always appeared in fancy, suppose you make an experiment: Write down a list of your shortcomings and of such circumstances as are a source of unhappiness to you. If you are honest with yourself, your list will be a long one. It will contain everything that you fear, hate, are ashamed of; that has given you cause for self-pity.

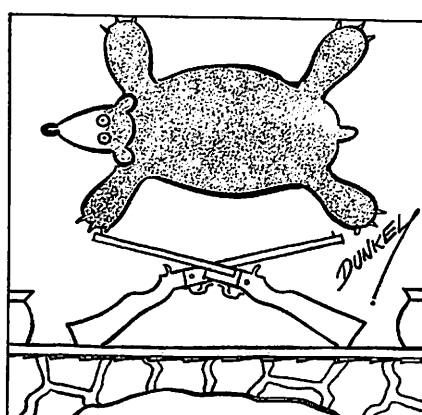
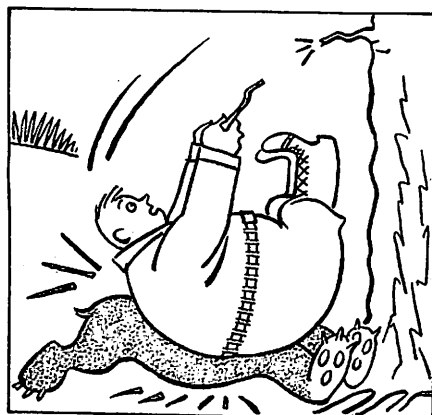
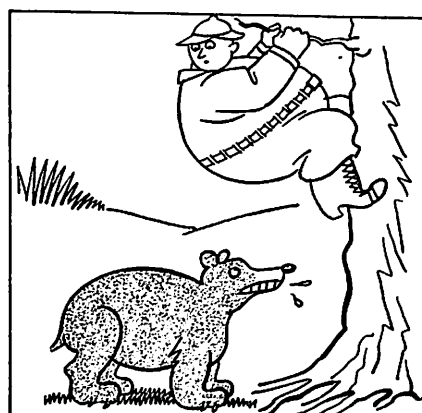
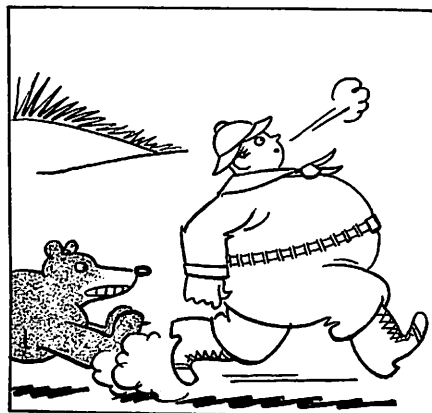
WITH that all valuable list in hand, you are fully equipped for the Era of Leisure Time. Look over the list. What a diversity of interests it offers! No chance of boredom there. But what a glorious opportunity to increase happiness!

One by one, beginning with the most difficult, the most distressing, take them on in fair fight; determined to scratch them off the list. You will learn how to do well the things

you do poorly. Triumphant, you will know the joys of real achievement, hard-won through adaptation. New economic fields will be opened to you through acquired versatility. In short, I believe that anyone can find the germ of happiness where I found it.

I believe that yesterday is wrongly called a day that is gone. No day is irretrievably buried in the past. What I ate yesterday is, today, a part of my living body. What I did yesterday is, today, a very important part of my life.

To acquire knowledge and to apply it; to exercise judicious caution; to maintain a constant interest in everything that life affords; to make many friends and never an enemy; to find good where one is expected to find evil; to give release to one's fighting instinct by fighting and gaining victory over one's own deficiencies—that is the Management of Happiness.



When You "Soak the Rich," Whom Do You Really Soak?

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two classes—the very rich and the very poor. In this country the number of very rich or of very poor has never been large enough greatly to matter. We have had no classes. That has been our strength. Are we willing to surrender our strength?

Dollar reductions in taxes are being achieved in some sections. But these are not always what they seem to be. For, while some expenses apparently are being cut, other expenses are being greatly raised. These other expenses are paid for out of borrowings. Loans, like chickens, come home to roost. And it makes no difference at all whether the borrowing is by the Federal Government or by the local government. Even the cuts have not kept pace with the fall of income.

For instance, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces that farm taxes per acre have declined 22% since 1929. But since the value of farm real estate during the same period has fallen 37%, this apparent decrease amounts to an actual increase of 24% in taxes in relation to value.

LET us, however, instead of looking at the tax situation as a whole, look at one item. No one can comprehend a billion dollars, and hence talking in billions is like talking of the distances to the stars. We know that the stars are far away, but the distances that the astronomers give us are so big as to be meaningless. Let us get down to the one utility, the widespread use of which distinguishes the United States from all other nations—that is, the automobile.

The automobile has been the most powerful single influence ever introduced into this country. Since the war, not only has it been the most powerful single industry, but its use has vitally changed the face of the country and the habits of the people. There is no point in giving even a summary of what the motor car and truck mean to the average citizen. Everyone knows at least a part of the story, and I doubt if anyone can imagine an America without automobiles.

And yet the weight of taxation bearing down on the automobile will, if unchecked, crush out the small car owner, make the use of an automobile a luxury and make the use of trucks impossible except for organized lines that can command a large volume of business. That is where we stand today on automobile taxation. To the alarmists, my statement will seem mild.

The limit of taxation is the ability of the property to earn enough to pay the tax. The taxpayer may have a number of different kinds of property, some of which are and some of which are not revenue producing, but in the end he cannot pay more taxes than the amount he receives in revenue. As a practical matter, a taxpayer cannot turn over all his revenue to the State unless also he discovers some way of living on nothing a year.

Beyond a point, raising taxes does not also raise tax revenue. This is clearly shown by the career of real estate. The taxes on realty in many sections are now so far above revenue that it pays the owner to abandon his property and let the State take it over. Tax laws are mostly very rigid, and mechanically the township, county, State or whatever the unit may be, simply goes ahead and sells property for unpaid taxes. But since there is now practically no market at all for real estate, these tax auctions—which used to be a happy hunting ground

for sharpers anxious to take advantage of the distress of their fellows—no longer bring sales, for there are no buyers.

The governments have had to take over an untold amount of property—which means of course that in every community an ever-growing amount of real estate pays no taxes. That is, the grinding heel of tax despotism has nothing further to grind. And so everywhere political units find the taxes they can collect from real estate utterly insufficient to meet the need of budgets which have not been cut to anything like the extent that personal budgets have been cut.

The homes of the people as tax fodder are for the time being out. The automobile is the best available fodder of the moment. Will it go out like real estate and, if so, what would that mean to the country?

The full figures of the automobile trade and automobile taxation for 1933 are not yet available, but the preliminary figures give a total car and truck production in the United States and Canada of 2,048,000 as against 1,431,494 in 1932 and 2,472,359 in 1931. In 1929 the production was 5,621,715. There was an increase in production in 1933 over 1932. That is encouraging. The ominous sign, however, is that the total registration of motor vehicles in the United States in 1933 was 23,720,000 as against 24,136,879 in 1932; 25,832,884 in 1931; and 26,545,281 in 1930. Thus the record shows a decrease in the use of motor vehicles. This decrease coincides with the increase of the taxes which motorists must pay.

Automobile taxes, for the first time, passed the billion mark in 1930—which, it will be noted, was not the year of largest registration. In 1932 they amounted to 1,076,021,597. This marks an increase in taxes per vehicle of about 300% since 1919.

Let us see what these figures mean in terms of car owners. In 1919 the average special tax per car was \$8.68. By 1924 this had about doubled to \$17.40 and by 1932 it had doubled again to \$34.70. More than ten dollars of this average has been added since 1927. Although since then practically every income in the country has been hit, the automobile taxes have been increasing. They amounted to \$29.40 per car in 1929. That, however, is not all. The figure of \$34.70 for 1932 includes only the registration fees and the State gasoline tax. To this must be added the personal property, the municipal and the Federal excise taxes. These bring the average tax per motor car to \$44.60.

THE taxes on real estate, as was said above, have killed real estate. But the highest realty taxes do not approach the automobile taxes. It has been estimated, taking the average life of a car as seven years, that the value of the average car on the road is \$188.25. This gives the value of all motor vehicles registered in this country in 1932 at slightly over four and a half billion dollars. On this basis, the annual taxes amount to more than 23% of the average value of each car. Stated another way, the percentage of average value paid in taxes through the average life of a vehicle—that is, seven years—amounts to about 164%. That simply soars above realty taxes.

The largest single tax now paid by the motorist is the insidious one on gasoline. Back in 1919, Oregon levied the very modest tax of one cent a gallon for the building

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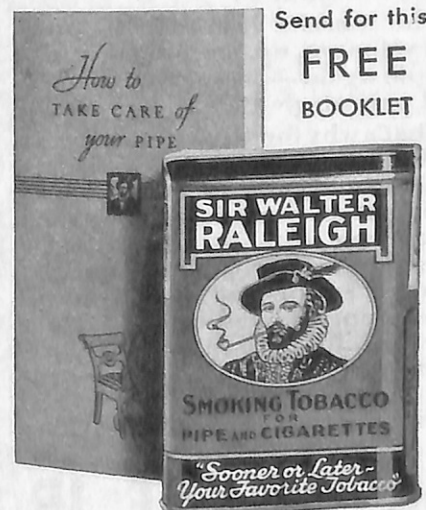
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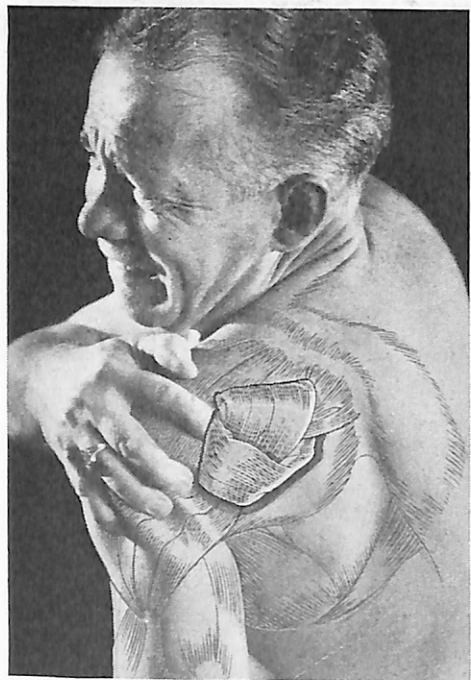
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and upkeep of roads. The plan was well conceived and eminently fair. The old method was to charge roads to the abutting property owners, and in the days of the horse, when roads were not very expensive and were used mainly for local traffic, the method worked out.

But the cost of the hard roads needed by motorists was quite beyond the resources of the communities, and there was no reason why they should pay for these roads because a large part of the traffic on them was not local. There was and could be no objection to a road tax levied on gasoline, and other States quickly adopted the plan. We owe the roads of the country largely to the gasoline tax.

But the method proved too painless. By January 1st, 1933, only three States—Connecticut, Missouri and Rhode Island—and the District of Columbia were content with so little as two cents a gallon tax rate. Twelve States had a three-cent rate, seventeen States had a four-cent rate, eight States had a five-cent rate, six States had a six-cent rate, while Florida and Tennessee went to seven cents.

In addition to these State taxes, the Federal Government and various municipalities got aboard and in 1932, an average of 29 cents out of every dollar spent for gasoline went for taxes. In 1932 motorists paid approximately half a billion dollars in taxes on the gasoline they bought. In 1933, it is estimated, they paid about two hundred millions more than that.

This money no longer goes solely for roads. It is being raised for general expenses, and most particularly it is being raised to finance the recovery program, both by the Federal Government and by the States. Under the Industrial Recovery Act, four hundred million dollars is allotted to be spent on roads, and this is to be paid for by a half-cent additional Federal tax on gasoline through a period of fifteen years. That seems reasonable. But on the basis of the 1932 gasoline consumption it works out that motorists will pay more than a billion dollars for four hundred million dollars' worth of roads!

On the 1932 basis of consumption, the allocation of this road fund works out most inequitably. Using round figures, Arizona will pay four millions in taxes for five millions spent on the roads. Idaho will pay three and a half millions for four and a half millions of roads. Montana will pay four millions for seven and a half millions of roads. Nevada will pay less than a million and a half for more than four and a half millions of roads.

New York, on the other hand, will pay more than a hundred millions for twenty-two millions of roads. Massachusetts will pay forty-one millions for six and a half millions of roads. Illinois will pay nearly seventy-two millions for seventeen and a half millions. California will pay ninety millions for fifteen and a half millions. Louisiana will pay nearly twelve and a half millions for less than six millions. Michigan will pay fifty-one millions for twelve millions. New Jersey will pay forty-one millions for six millions. Pennsylvania will pay nearly seventy-six millions for less than nineteen millions. Texas will pay fifty millions for twenty-four millions. And so on.

UNDER the Recovery Act, which levies many additional taxes on the purchase of new cars and equipment, there is not much connection between what the motorist pays and what he receives. The same principle is being carried through many of the States, and a substantial portion of the gasoline taxes are nearly everywhere being diverted to general expenses or to the emergency expenses of unemployment.

There is no question but that in many

sections much more expensive roads are being built than the motor traffic requires. There is also no question but that it is the duty of every citizen to help relieve unemployment. But if the taxes upon motor vehicles, in order to provide unemployment relief, have reached the point where they cut down the purchase and use of motor cars, then these taxes are defeating their own purpose and are promoting unemployment instead of relieving it. That appears to be the case.

The old theory was that the passenger car was a luxury, and there are still some talkers who will tell you that the country would be better off if the people did not spend so much time and money gadding about in automobiles. One has only to look around to know that such stuff is plain nonsense, but it will surprise many to learn that only about 15% of the gasoline consumed is for purely pleasure or recreation purposes.

In 1933 the average factory price of the new cars sold was only \$630 and of trucks it was only \$645. More cars are sold to buyers with incomes of less than \$1,400 a year than are sold to buyers with incomes above \$7,000 a year. The gasoline taxes are not levied upon the big oil companies—which many would have us believe. One has only to glance at the price signs on any filling station to know better than that.

The bulk of the gasoline taxes are paid by men and women driving cars that have a value of not over \$200. That is one of the reasons why fewer cars are on the road each year—the owners simply cannot afford to run them. In many cases, they cannot afford even to license them. One need not speculate on that point. The State of Georgia furnishes a perfect example.

Georgia had registration fees ranging from \$11.25 to \$25.00 per car, and at the end of 1929 there were 358,905 vehicles registered. With the rising license fees and the depressed state of business, the number of registrations by December 31st, 1932, had dropped to 287,716. The Governor asked the Legislature to cut the registration fees, but the legislators, in their wisdom, refused. Then the Governor acted on his own and put into effect a flat fee of \$3.00 per vehicle.

The result was that by July 31st, 1933, there were 311,424 vehicles registered in Georgia. The business created by the automobiles, which under the old fees would have stayed in their garages or have been abandoned, meant many times as much to the State of Georgia in the way of general prosperity as would any larger tax sum collected on a smaller number of vehicles.

THE average owner of a motor car cannot in these times afford \$25.00 a year in taxes. But, as has been shown, the average owner is forced to pay some \$20.00 more than that. And there seems to be no limit to the amount which the Federal and State governments are willing to load on the motor car owner in the belief that somehow he will find the money.

If all the money collected from motorists were applied to road building and upkeep, the expenditure would still be more than they could bear—although the additional radius that good roads give to earning power might help the situation, at least for a time. But the diversion of automobile taxes to ordinary expenses—no matter how apparently worthy those expenses are—is resulting in road neglect, and hence the inducement to keep the car going in spite of the cost is each year becoming less and less.

In Florida the levies on a new car costing around five hundred dollars are, in the first year alone, equivalent to a tax on an income of about three thousand dollars. Throughout the country, sixty-two per cent

of all the cars are bought by persons with incomes of less than three thousand dollars. So now, with every effort being made to revive business by building up purchasing power, the man who wants to buy a new low-priced automobile is staggered by the tax cost of buying one, as well as by the tax cost of running one.

Of course we might all go back to the horse. And a very few are so foolish as already to talk of the benefits that would accrue to agriculture through a more general use of horses. But how very slight would be those benefits! The farmer's markets lost through the unemployment of automobile workers would amount to a hundred times the new markets opened for horse feed.

That, however, is only one very small consideration. Some forty-five thousand communities entirely depend upon the motor vehicle for their communication with the outside world. Directly and indirectly, the motor industry normally employs nearly four million people and is second in importance only to the food industry. Everyone knows how important the motor industry is and also everyone knows that the use of the automobile is more important than its manufacture. The country could not go on without the automobile.

There is no danger that, because of high taxes, the automobile will drop out of the life of the country. The danger is that taxes will make automobiles too expensive for a majority of their present users. This would be a catastrophe, the effects of which it is now impossible to estimate, and it would be no less a catastrophe because it would come slowly. We would not, until it was all over, realize why general business did not pick up or why standards of living continued to slump or why the stores and the towns depending on customers coming in their automobiles continued to drop off.

If this country by taxation limits the use of the passenger automobile to those in the higher income classes and limits the truck to the large concerns or the organized carriers, the clock will have to be turned back. And turning back the clock is more devastating than the greatest war.

WHAT can we do about it? Only two things can be done. The first is to cut taxes and the second is to cut expenses.

Cutting taxes does not, as would seem on the face of things, necessarily mean a cut in the revenue from taxation. As I illustrated in the case of real estate, taxes do not, if pushed beyond a point, result in more revenue. On the contrary, they result in less, for they are not paid and there is no way to collect them. Taking over the property is not a method of collecting taxes but merely a way of involving the Government in further liabilities. The gasoline tax has now reached the point where it is not nearly as productive of money as it would be if it were lower. Evading the gasoline tax is now a large and established business. A proportion of filling station proprietors do not turn over the taxes they collect, and the bootlegging of gasoline is a big business.

A general reduction of license fees, gasoline and all other special taxes would not give a vast stimulus to business in general but would generate probably as great and possibly a greater total tax revenue than do the present excessive taxes—and that without unduly burdening any motorist. Today, to repeat, motor taxes are slowly but surely destroying their tax source.

The mere shifting of taxes from one industry to another, while often advisable in the interests of the general welfare, is of no great moment if the total taxation continues at a high rate. A man whose income has been cut in halves cannot for long continue to live on his old scale. A country which

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♠ 8-5-4
 ♥ None
 ♦ K
 ♣ K-O-5-4

♠ 9 K-Q-3-4 ♠ None
 ♥ K-3 ♥ J-9 10-5-4
 ♦ Q-7-6-3 W E 10-5-4
 ♣ 7 S ♣ 10-8-6
 ♠ J
 ♥ Q-4
 ♦ A-J-9-2
 ♣ 9

Again East is on the spot, with a choice between two discards—either of which will give North and South the remaining tricks. If it happens that West refuses to go up at either the first or third trick the play is simplified, as North, of course, will not trump.

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"No."

"Yes."

"Yes."

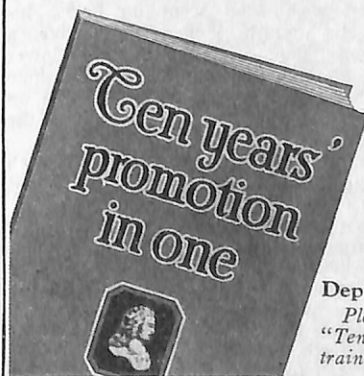
"All right, Uncle George," I accentuated quietly. "I am glad to have talked with you but as it is now after midnight and as I have had a hard day I am going to try to

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get to sleep again. Goodnight, Uncle George. If you would like to say good-night, kindly knock three times."

The suggested response followed; and, after a little intensive use of the camera eye and a rearrangement of furniture in the living room, I had no hesitation in falling asleep myself. I had discovered a new clue and I knew what I would do the next morning. Everything was now perfectly clear since it was a case of viz. a trained mind vs. a low grade intelligence.

(How does Jake propose to deal with the ghost? Can a modern detective pit himself successfully against the shadow world? Answers to these questions will be suggested to you in the following chapter.)

CHAPTER V

AN EXCITING DAY

June 10, 3:58 p. m.

AFTER a good sleep and breakfast I resumed conduct of the case. The camera eye proved I had been quite correct in my midnight observation. I now drove over to Grainger where I made necessary purchases at a combination sporting goods and hardware store, and, with my packages, retired to the back seat of my automobile. There I worked steadily on into the afternoon.

When the job was finished I patched up one of the tires, which was troubled with a slow puncture, and began the rounds of Grainger's drug stores. At each place I asked for a Chinese Delight sundae with whipped cream and chop suey, and when they did not serve this delicacy I walked on them. I was on my seventh Chinese Delight when I got the clue I was after.

"Yes," the soda clerk accentuated quietly, "I know Gerania. Ever since her father got drowned last year she's been living with her step-uncle, Eli Stanklehorst, on Elmo Street, right around the corner. And is old Stank a mean cookie! It seems like he's always afraid Gerania will get to talk to somebody. Monday a friend of mine tried to call on Gerania and Stank threw him down the front steps so hard he's had to take treatments ever since. There's Stank now, on his way home with a fresh plug of eating tobacco."

I looked through the doorway to see a party whose appearance was enough to send shudders down the strongest spine. Mr. Stanklehorst, Gerania's step-uncle, was well over seventy-two inches in height, with feet that must have needed number twelve shoes at least. There was a hard expression about his upper face, but this was nothing compared with what went on below his nose. His mouth looked more like a straightedge than anything else; the lower edge of his chin stuck out as though there was a horse-shoe inside; and the bulge on his cheek suggested where the rest of the horse was.

Up to this moment I had intended to call on Gerania, but I now saw I would not have the necessary spare time.

"Here's one of Stank's souvenirs," the clerk rapped briefly as he fumbled in his vest pocket. "I bought it off him. The old boy's strong as a bull and first he bends it between his front teeth till he's got it at right angles, then he mashes it flat behind his hind teeth. Lookit."

He offered for my inspection a silver dime doubled over, a duplicate of the one I had found behind the bushes at Villa Nox.

Everything was now perfectly clear, and if my grandmother had not destroyed Chief Donahay's gratis outfit, consisting of one pair of handcuffs, modern style, a revolver and a night stick, I would have made the arrest at once.

Since this was impossible I took out my little diary book and jotted down the following notes:

"For criminal reasons, best known to himself, Mr. Stanklehorst is pretending to be a ghost at Villa Nox. Will he make his appearance tonight? If so, will my audacious experiment succeed?" (To what audacious experiment does Jake refer? What does he hope to accomplish? The matter will be fully explained to you in the following chapter.)

CHAPTER VI

A PERILOUS PROJECT

June 10, 8:12 p. m.

HAVING lazed along to Villa Nox, so as to allow Mr. Stanklehorst to get there first, I took a long walk and then, in the late twilight, attached the apparatus I had made to the ceiling of the living room. The string, releasing the catch, ran through staples to the bedroom where it was tied to a nail driven into the doorsill.

At eight o'clock I finished the last of my supper. Hoping that Mr. Stanklehorst was on the job, I walked over to the telephone and gave the operator the first number that popped into my mind.

"Hello, chief," I rapped briefly, the same as though speaking to police headquarters. "Who is it?" was the response in a refined lady's voice. "I don't understand."

"Your old pal, chief," I accentuated quietly. "The detective at Villa Nox. I think I have got a clue and I'm coming right over to ask your advice." While the lady was saying that I must have the wrong number, I hung up the receiver and, whistling a merry air, walked to the front door, opened it, and then slammed it from the inside. Next I took off my shoes and tiptoed back into the bedroom, ready to act.

The first thing that happened was a scraping noise from below. Then, little by little, a trap-door opened. It had been cleverly made and so well concealed in the living room floor that I had discovered it the night previous only after an extensive use of the camera eye.

Slowly a white figure emerged and advanced toward the center of the room.

My arm was raised and I was all ready to yank the string and release the apparatus when a sudden discovery chilled my blood and left me trembling in every limb.

(What was this discovery? What will Jake do now? The answers to these poignant questions will be given you in the following chapter.)

CHAPTER VII

A THIRD DEGREE

June 10, 8:19 p. m.

THE reason why I trembled in every limb was because of the identity of the alleged specter. It was not Mr. Stanklehorst. It was none other than Gerania Greenwood herself.

As I turned my flashlight on her she screamed and then stood perfectly still.

"Gerania," I queried crisply, as soon as I had control of my voice, "I would like to ask you a question. Do you chew tobacco?"

This remark seemed to pull her together because in a loud, indignant voice, she answered, "No."

This took a great load off my mind because by giving the premises the camera eye I had detected considerable evidence of this vice.

Though I had an almost overwhelming desire to take Gerania in my arms and comfort her, I remembered that I was a Chief Donahay graduate and working at the detective profession. It was only when I recollected that, in many cases, the only way to get a confession is by the use of kindness and apparent interest in the prisoner,

that I walked over and put my arms around her.

A moment's silence filled the room. Then I rapped briefly. "Gerania, please explain everything because even though I am a trained detective I am your friend and I would like to know what you are doing here and why."

"Oh, Jake," she said, beginning to sob against my coat, "I can't tell you—I can't. It's not my secret. But no harm is meant to anyone; and if you just won't say anything about it—" and she began to cry again.

"Gerania," I accentuated quietly, after having spent some minutes in trying to comfort her, during which time I practically forgot I was on detective service, "Gerania, this puts me in a difficult position because it is a case of viz. love vs. duty. On the one hand, in justice to Chief Donahay, who gave me my diploma, and to Mr. Ben Reynolds—"

At this moment the noise of an automobile was heard outside.

"Oh, Jake," she whispered, "I know that machine. I mustn't be found here. If he comes in, don't tell him. Promise me you won't, Jake."

Sobbing hysterically, she allowed me to boost her through the window. She had just landed outside when a thundering knock came at the door.

(Who is the mysterious party outside? What is his object in coming to Villa Nox? The following chapter will place before you the thrilling crisis of this dramatic story.)

CHAPTER VIII

A MASTER MIND

June 10, 9:16 p. m.

BEFORE touching the knob I suspicioned who the party was. I did this by means of deduction and a camera eye applied to the keyhole. As usual I was right.

"Good evening," I accentuated quietly as I opened the door.

"I heard you were here looking for that ghost," said Mr. Stanklehorst, for it was none other, in a low whisper. "So I thought I would come down and help you out. I believe in discouraging ghosts, whenever and wherever found."

"How," I queried crisply in the same tone of voice, "do you discourage them?"

"It is done," whispered Mr. Stanklehorst, at the same time shifting his tobacco, "by the use of this little scientific instrument." With these words he smiled in what he no doubt considered a kindly manner, and, at the same time, forced a metal object into my right hand. On giving this object the camera eye, I discovered I was holding a forty-five revolver.

"I should think," I rapped briefly, in order to draw him out, "that you would have to be careful in the use of this instrument, because if the ghost should turn out to be a live party masquerading under false pretenses, you might get into trouble."

"That," he agreed, "is why I always have the weapon used by someone in authority. In this case I mean you. It is your duty to keep trespassers out of Villa Nox, and if there should be a little accident, no court in this broad land could act otherwise than to give you a vote of thanks. If the intruder happens to be a real ghost, it does not matter whether he is treated rough or not, because specters have no legal standing in the U. S. Read the Constitution for yourself. This is an up-to-date country—it isn't China."

It was this last word which, like a flash of lightning made everything clear. And the deduction was confirmed by a glance at Mr. Stanklehorst's square-toed shoes.

Much as I disliked the conclusion everything pointed the same way. In the first

place there was the elaborate Chinese costume in which Gerania had attended our H. S. Commencement Masquerade Ball. Next was the fact that the only refreshment she seemed to care for was Chinese Delight sundaes, with whipped cream and chop suey. And lastly, there was her mysterious visit that morning to the Chinese laundry in Grainger and her frank admission that she was crazy about China and the natives of same.

A moment's silence filled the room. Then I spoke.

"Mr. Stanklehorst," I crackled efficiently, "as a trained detective, I have already found out your true name and profession and I know why you are here. You are an operative yourself."

"Yes," he rapped briefly, "and as long as you have found it out I may say I am working for Uncle Sam, and if you have any doubt you can ask the Secretary of Agriculture for my credentials. In writing, be sure to enclose twelve cents for Booklet 867-C, which gives full instructions for detective work of all kinds."

"You are not here," I continued, "because of any supposed ghost; but because this is the headquarters of a ring engaged in smuggling Chinamen into the U. S."

A look of astonishment and admiration appeared on his face. "You have found out everything. How did you do it?"

I did not stop to explain my methods. "The ring includes a local girl."

"Right again," he whispered. "But the party we are after is the chief of the smuggling gang, a desperate character, whose record is long enough to hang him from the top of the Washington Monument. Personally, I have enough daring captures to my credit; and as you are a young man with your reputation still to make I am going to let you keep the revolver and get this bird yourself. Shoot first and ask questions afterwards. Your name will be in every newspaper from Maine to California; and you will be invited to the White House for a week-end."

Remaining outwardly calm, I reviewed the situation in my head. If I grabbed the chief of the smuggling gang there was no doubt that Gerania's capture would follow in a few hours. In that case she would probably be sent to prison and thus be dragged down and down into the dregs, which would do nobody any good. On the other hand, if I had a chance to marry Gerania and reform her I could easily keep her from smuggling any more Chinese into the U. S. and also she would make me happy for life. Thus it occurred to me that it was not so much a case of viz. love vs. duty, as of viz. duty vs. higher duty.

In two seconds my mind was made up. "Mr. Stanklehorst," I whispered, "come in on your tip toes. I want to show you something."

He did as requested, allowing me to place him in the middle of the floor of the living room.

"Stay there," I accentuated quietly, "until I give you the signal."

With these words I walked quietly into the bedroom and pulled the string attached to my apparatus.

(What will be the result of Jake's maneuver? What is about to happen to Mr. Stanklehorst? In the concluding chapter the story rises to a breath-taking climax.)

CHAPTER IX

AN ASTOUNDING SURPRISE

June 10, 9:24 p. m.

I NEVER saw anybody so mad as Mr. Stanklehorst when my rebuilt tennis net draped down around him. It had been cut, tied, and sewed together so as to make it square-shaped. Heavy iron weights around

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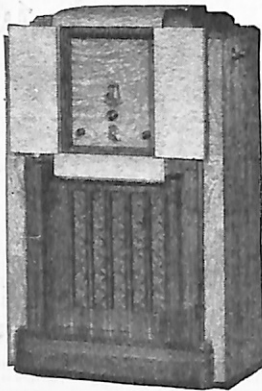
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the four borders, and a puckering rope completed the apparatus.

Mr. Stanklehorst howled like a wolf, as I grabbed the rope, tightened it around his knees, tangled up his legs, and then pushed him over. While he lay there thrashing about like a fish in a net, I made the necessary knots and wrapped the slack of the rope around his body.

He was struggling so hard that, even then, he might have broken loose if I had not picked up the revolver once more and, in my excitement, pulled the trigger.

Fortunately the muzzle was pointed at the floor about a foot from Mr. Stanklehorst's right toe and, as he let out a yell and stopped kicking, a most surprising thing happened.

The trap door from the cellar opened and a man popped up into the room, holding both hands above his head and yelling, "Don't shoot—don't shoot!"

Using my camera eye, I had just time to deduct that the newcomer was neither a ghost nor a Chinaman, nor a hard character in any sense, when Gerania burst through the outside door, crying in a plaintive voice, "Oh, Jake! Don't kill my father!" With this she threw both arms around the party's neck.

"Is such the true," I queried crisply, "relationship? Conceal nothing because I am a trained detective."

"Oh, yes," said Gerania. "Oh, father, father!"

"Very well," I rapped briefly as a moment's silence filled the room. "Then kindly let me have the complete explanation. And I will just remark in passing, Mr. Stanklehorst, that if you try once more to bite through that tennis net, the next bullet will go higher up. If you would like to use your teeth I will get you a silver dollar."

The story was a simple one, and was told in spite of frequent interruptions from Gerania's step-uncle. No Chinamen were involved or ghosts either.

Mr. Greenwood was a carpenter and contractor. His step-brother, Mr. Stanklehorst, had not only got him into the tobacco-chewing habit but had also persuaded Mr. Greenwood to insure his life for a large sum in favor of Gerania, and then to make a will naming Stanklehorst as the girl's guardian. Shortly after this, Mr. Stankle-

horst had taken Mr. Greenwood out fishing in the river near Villa Nox and deliberately drowned him. At least, he thought he had done so, and an unidentified corpse found later had supplied the necessary proof at law. Thus, Mr. Stanklehorst had collected the insurance, investing same to suit himself. Mr. Greenwood, who had escaped by hiding under a swimming raft, had been scared stiff and had beat it as far as New Jersey before getting up the nerve to come back. But, though deathly afraid of Mr. Stanklehorst, he could not stand being separated from his daughter. For this reason he had returned to hide in an improvised cellar under Villa Nox, where Gerania had brought him food daily. Though Mr. Greenwood had wanted to give himself up to the police, Gerania had urged him not to because the police and insurance company might think he was in collusion with Mr. Stanklehorst. He had constructed the cleverly concealed trap door and had acted the part of a ghost in order to keep Villa Nox free from tenants. But, by following Gerania, Mr. Stanklehorst had discovered the truth.

Everything was now perfectly clear. It had been a case of viz. law and order vs. a criminal character.

"Well, Mr. Stanklehorst," I accentuated quietly, "I guess you now see the folly of trying to outwit a trained detective, who understands what was going on from the very first. In answer to your questions, if any, I will state that the best man to get you out of that tennis net will be the Chief of Police. And if you are ready to admit to the proper authorities that you were solely responsible for the effort to swindle the insurance company, Mr. Greenwood will not prosecute you for trying to kill him and I will not appear against you with my story of how you tried to get me to ventilate Mr. Greenwood with this revolver... Gerania, call up headquarters."

After some difficulty the insurance matter was straightened out to the satisfaction of everybody, except Mr. Stanklehorst; and shortly after I married Gerania and went into business with my father-in-law, whom I soon reformed from the tobacco-chewing habit. Though I have practically given up the detective profession, I have a standing contract with Mr. Ben Reynolds to keep Villa Nox, and all adjoining bungalows, clear of ghosts and specters.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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ning an elaborate banquet was held in the Hotel Woodruff, with an attending group of prominent Elks that included many Past Exalted Rulers of Watertown and neighboring Lodges and others.

Among them were the following prominent present and past officers in the Order: D. Curtis Gano, former member of the Grand Lodge Good of the Order Committee; President Waters; District Deputies John A. Wert and Elmer E. Wolvin; Past State Presidents Miles S. Hencle and James H. Mackin; and Past District Deputies T. Arthur Hendricks and Perl W. Devendorf.

About two hundred persons were present at the banquet. Afterward the Lodge was regularly convened in the new Lodge room. Owing to the fact that more people were present than could be accommodated in the Lodge room, a loud-speaker extension was provided in order that all might hear the Grand Exalted Ruler's address.

Following the completion of his visit to Watertown Lodge, Mr. Meier was driven to Syracuse that he might catch a train for the Middle West, where he was scheduled to visit centrally located Lodges of the Order.

THE Grand Exalted Ruler arrived in Jackson, Mich., October 24, and was greeted at the station by a delegation of members from Jackson Lodge, No. 113. Among the prominent Elks meeting the train was Past District Deputy Peter F. Gray, the Warden of Michigan State Prison, and through his good offices, the Grand Exalted Ruler was taken on a tour through what is the largest prison in the world.

Later Mr. Meier was taken to the Home of Jackson Lodge where luncheon was served to about one hundred members of the Order. Here he delivered the principal address of the day. Present at the luncheon were Past Grand Trustee John K. Burch, District Deputies Arthur F. Chapman and G. A. Kusterer, and Past District Deputies James J. Noon and Peter F. Gray.

After fulfilling his luncheon engagement at Jackson Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Meier proceeded to Lansing, Mich., Lodge, No. 196, accompanied by Past Grand Trustee Burch and District Deputy Kusterer. Arriving at the Home of No. 196 in the middle of the afternoon, an informal meeting was held with about fifty of the members

and Mr. Meier delivered a brief address. Past State President William M. Bryar was present at this meeting. Soon after the meeting, the Grand Exalted Ruler left to keep a dinner engagement with Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge, No. 48.

The six-thirty dinner at Grand Rapids Lodge was attended by many active and prominent Elks, including Past Grand Trustee Burch; District Deputy Kusterer; Past President Byron O. Smith; State Secretary Arthur E. Green; Past District Deputy William T. Montgomery; Mayor John D. Karel, a Trustee of the Lodge, and Martin H. Carmody, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Following the dinner the Grand Exalted Ruler attended a meeting of the Lodge at which twenty-three candidates were initiated into Grand Rapids Lodge and eleven into Holland, Mich., Lodge, No. 1315. Most of the foregoing distinguished Elks were in attendance at the meeting, which drew a crowd of more than four hundred members.

UPON leaving Grand Rapids the next morning, October 25, in company with Past Grand Trustee Burch and District Deputy Kusterer, the Grand Exalted Ruler proceeded to Grand Haven where, at the Home of Grand Haven, Mich., Lodge, No. 1200, more than fifty members were waiting to greet their national leader. Mr. Meier was introduced and spoke to the assemblage, among whom was Past District Deputy Montgomery and a group of Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge.

Following this informal visitation to Grand Haven Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Meier proceeded to the Elks' Park in Muskegon, on the shore of Lake Michigan, where a representative group of members of Muskegon Lodge, No. 274, had gathered to greet him. Here, in the Park, a beech tree was presented to the Grand Exalted Ruler. A star, bearing an inscription to that effect, was fastened to the tree and Mr. Meier, in a brief address, accepted the honor paid him by Muskegon Lodge. This park is owned and operated by Muskegon Lodge for the special benefit of the children of the City.

Among those present at the ceremony of dedicating the tree to Mr. Meier were: Past Grand Trustee Burch, District Deputy Kusterer, Past State President William J. Weller and Past District Deputy Montgomery. Theodore G. Clock, Exalted Ruler of Muskegon Lodge, was in charge of the ceremonies. At their conclusion, the Grand Exalted Ruler was taken to the Occidental Hotel, in Muskegon, for luncheon, where about seventy-five members of the Lodge were present. Past State President George C. Ackers was a guest. In addition there were present members from Grand Rapids and Grand Haven Lodges.

The next Lodge to be visited by Mr. Meier in his official tour through Michigan was Manistee Lodge, No. 250. A dinner was given at the Chippewa Hotel. Here were present 105 members of Manistee Lodge, and in addition, visiting Elks from Muskegon, Ludington, Cadillac and Traverse City Lodges. During dinner the Grand Exalted Ruler was presented with a salt key, emblematic of Manistee's greatest industry.

Following the dinner a Lodge meeting was held and four candidates initiated into the Order, with the degree team of Muskegon Lodge conducting the ritualistic work. Mr. Meier delivered the address of the day, having been introduced by Past Grand Trustee Burch. In addition to the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mr. Burch, Past State President Ackers and Past District Deputy Montgomery were in attendance at the meeting. At the close of the session, Manistee Lodge presented Mr. Meier with a handsome toilet set in appreciation of his visit.

Early in the morning of October 26, Mr. Meier drove to Cadillac, Mich., Lodge, No. 680, where he was the guest of honor at a breakfast given by the members. Mr. Meier spoke to the assembled Elks in a short but meaty address and then expressed regret that he must continue on his trip.

At noon of that day, he arrived at Saginaw, Mich., where, at the Home of Saginaw Lodge, No. 47, he was the guest of honor at a luncheon with 100 members and officers of the Lodge in attendance. At this luncheon the following distinguished members of the Order were present: Past Grand Trustee Burch; Past State President William Dixon Brown, former member of the Grand Lodge State Association Committee; District Deputies Edward P. Greenwald and G. A. Kusterer, and Past District Deputy William T. Montgomery.

Following the luncheon in Saginaw, Mr. Meier resumed his scheduled trip and went to Bay City, Mich., in company with Mr. Burch and Mr. Greenwald. Here the Grand Exalted Ruler visited the Home of Bay City Lodge, No. 88, where he met the membership, including a number of charter members. He was unable to linger, however, and that afternoon made his appearance at Flint, Mich., Lodge, No. 222. Here selections were rendered by the Flint Lodge Glee Club, and the Armistice Day Class of some fifty candidates was introduced to the Grand Exalted Ruler. The Hon. John J. Carton, former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, was introduced, and he in turn presented the Grand Exalted Ruler who delivered the address of the evening. There were present at this gathering many renowned members of the Order.

The following morning, October 27, Mr. Meier proceeded to Pontiac, Mich., for breakfast with the members of Pontiac Lodge, No. 810. There were seventy-five members present. After breakfast, Mr. Meier delivered an address which was appreciatively received by the assembled Elks. Present at the breakfast in Mr. Meier's honor were: Past Grand Trustee Burch, District Deputies Kusterer and Greenwald, and Thomas J. Brady, Vice-President of the Michigan State Elks Association.

At the conclusion of his visit, Grand Exalted Ruler Meier was driven to Detroit, accompanied by Mr. Kusterer and Mr. Greenwald. There he took a train for Cincinnati, where he was to visit Cincinnati Lodge, No. 5, as the first of his official visits in the State of Ohio.

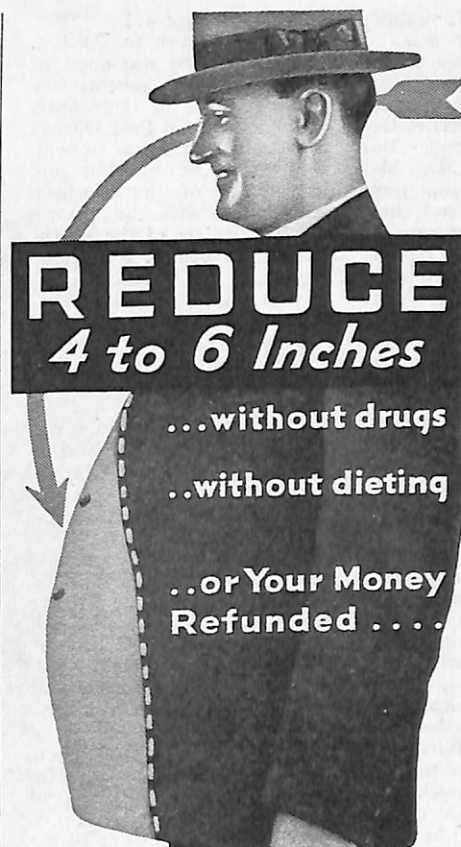
GRAND EXALTED RULER MEIER was met at the railroad station in Cincinnati by the Hon. James S. Richardson, Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees and Secretary of No. 5; Past District Deputy Max Friedman, and Exalted Ruler Milton Lowenstein. He was taken immediately to the Lodge Home where, at seven in the evening, he was guest of honor at a dinner.

There were among those present the following distinguished members of the Order: Secretary Richardson; District Deputy Leo McFarland; State Treasurer William Petri; State Trustee John F. Fussinger; Past State Association President of Ohio Ernst Von Bargen; Past State President Henry E. Curtis of Kentucky; and Past District Deputies Max Friedman and Charles E. Buning.

Following dinner Mr. Meier attended a session of Cincinnati Lodge in a meeting attended by more than four hundred members including all those who had participated in the dinner. Mr. Meier delivered the principal address of the evening, following which Mr. Friedman, on behalf of the Lodge, presented him with a very fine Rookwood pottery lamp.

The next morning, October 28, in company with Mr. Richardson and Mr. Friedman and

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his wife, Mr. Meier was driven to Dayton, Ohio, Lodge, No. 58, where he was guest of honor at a luncheon at which seventy-five members of the Lodge were in attendance. District Deputy McFarland and Past District Deputy Barry S. Murphy were also present.

Mr. Meier addressed the meeting and then, upon adjournment of the luncheon guests, held a conference with the officers, Trustees, Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge, the District Deputy and others, concerning situations as they exist in Dayton Lodge. Mr. Meier felt that much had been accomplished through this conference. At its conclusion Mr. Meier proceeded to Marion, Ohio, accompanied by the same party which had been with him on the trip from Cincinnati to Dayton.

In Marion the Grand Exalted Ruler was guest of honor at a dinner, given by Marion Lodge, No. 32, held at the Hotel Marion, with about seventy-five members present, including the following distinguished guests: Secretary Richardson; District Deputies C. F. Unckrich and Charles J. Schmidt; Past State Presidents Norman C. Parr, Charles W. Fairbanks and Ernst Von Bargen; State Trustee Charles W. Casselman; and Past District Deputies T. A. O'Leary and F. A. Stengel. This dinner was followed by a highly successful and impressive Lodge meeting at which Mr. Meier delivered the main address of the evening.

When Mr. Meier first arrived in Marion, he was taken to see the beautiful Harding Memorial, where the Grand Exalted Ruler paid silent tribute to the memory of the late President Warren G. Harding, who was one of the first initiates of Marion Lodge.

THE next official visit of the Grand Exalted Ruler was to Indianapolis, Ind., Lodge, No. 13. Mr. Meier was conducted to the Antlers Hotel and at one o'clock he was the guest of honor at the District Deputies' Fourteenth Annual Conference for Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of Indiana Subordinate Lodges. A luncheon was held in the Tally-Ho Room. In addition to officers and members of Indiana Lodges, and all of the District Deputies of Indiana, the following distinguished Elks were present at this important affair:

Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Frank J. McMichael; Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Fred A. Wiecking, present member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary; Past Grand Trustee Robert A. Scott, Superintendent of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia; and Past District Deputy Alvin Padgett, all Past Presidents of the Indiana State Elks Association; Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Hubert S. Riley; State President Joseph L. Clarke; First Vice-President C. J. Joel; Second Vice-President O. Ray Miner; Fourth Vice-President Milo B. Mitchell; State Secretary W. C. Groehl; State Trustees Clifford M. Savage, E. J. Greenwald, Frank Flanigan and Elmore D. Sturgis; and Past District Deputies Raymond F. Thomas, S. W. Snively, Walter A. Beckerle, Edwin Lowenthal, James J. Patchell, Victor Bournique and Harry K. Kramer. It was also interesting to note the presence of George W. June, Past Grand Tiler and one of the founders and charter members and a life member of Indianapolis Lodge.

Following luncheon Mr. Meier was introduced by President Clarke. He delivered an address that was received with the greatest appreciation by the assembled guests. Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters was introduced and spoke, as did Bede Armstrong, Chairman of the Elks National Bridge Tournament; President Clarke, Vice-President Joel and Exalted Ruler A. L. McKee, of Anderson Lodge, No. 209.

On the following morning, the Grand Exalted Ruler, accompanied by Grand Secretary Masters, Mr. Scott, President Clarke,

Secretary Groehl and Past Exalted Ruler V. M. Armstrong of Indianapolis Lodge and present State Commander of the American Legion, called upon Edward Hays, National Commander of the Legion. Following the call upon Mr. Hays, Mr. Meier called upon Governor Paul V. McNutt, who is a member of Bloomington, Ind., Lodge, No. 446.

After the making of these two calls the Grand Exalted Ruler was taken in charge by a delegation of Elks from Brazil, Ind., Lodge, No. 762, and escorted to the Lodge Home for a meeting held during the luncheon hour. Accompanying Mr. Meier were Grand Secretary Masters, President Clarke, Secretary Groehl, Past Grand Trustee Scott and District Deputy James H. Waits. Present at the meeting at Brazil Lodge were Past President William E. Hendrich, Past Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Association Committee, and many others in addition to

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Tentative Itinerary for February

During the first week in February Mr. Meier will visit a large number of Lodges in Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina. At the time of going to press it was too early for a detailed listing of his day-to-day visitations.

From February 7 to 15 he plans to call on Lodges in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. The Grand Exalted Ruler plans to be in New York City on February 16th. During the balance of the month he probably will visit Lodges throughout New York, New England and Pennsylvania.

the members of the Grand Exalted Ruler's official party. There were ten Past Exalted Rulers present and six Lodges were represented.

Upon leaving Brazil, Mr. Meier was taken in charge by a delegation from Terre Haute Lodge, No. 86, and after driving about to see various points of interest in the neighborhood, was taken to the Lodge for a dinner given there. Among those present upon this occasion, besides the Grand Exalted Ruler's party, were Past President Hendrich; Past District Deputies Sheldon W. Snively and Raymond F. Thomas; W. B. Sanders, who has been Tiler of Terre Haute Lodge for thirty-eight years; A. C. Duddleston, the first Exalted Ruler of Terre Haute Lodge, and a large number of Past Exalted Rulers of the host Lodge and members and officers of Lodges in the district.

Following the dinner, the Lodge was regularly opened and, after initiation ceremonies had been exemplified for a class of candidates, the Grand Exalted Ruler was called upon to deliver the principal address of the evening. It was so arranged that Mr. Meier's address was broadcast over Station WBOW.

The next morning, October 31, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his official party, now augmented by Past District Deputy Edwin Lowenthal, traveled to Sullivan, Ind., Lodge, No. 911, for a meeting which was held in the middle of the morning. About fifty members of the Lodge had assembled, among them being Lee F. Bays, Past President of the Indiana State Elks Association. Past District Deputies Arthur A. Clark and George S. Green were also in the party, and accompanied the Grand Exalted Ruler to Vincennes, his next stopping place.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's party, by now very large, arrived at Vincennes Lodge, No. 291, for a luncheon engagement. Also present at this meeting were Past Grand

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Harry Lowenthal, Past President E. J. Julian, District Deputy James P. Adkins, and Past District Deputies John C. Heidenreich, C. A. Shubart, Frank T. Himler, Arthur A. Clark, and George S. Green. The luncheon party was held at the Y. M. C. A. Later the Grand Exalted Ruler's party and the other guests inspected the Home of the Lodge.

After this inspection the Grand Exalted Ruler traveled to Princeton, Ind., Lodge, No. 634, where all the officers and a great many members of the Lodge had assembled to meet him. Here, again, Mr. Meier was pleased to deliver an address to the members who had gathered to pay him their respects.

The next visit was to Evansville, Ind., Lodge, No. 116, where a large dinner in honor of Mr. Meier was given in the Lodge Home. Present at this affair were a great many Exalted Rulers, Past Exalted Rulers and other officers of Evansville and neighboring Lodges, Grand Secretary Masters, and the other members of the Grand Exalted Ruler's party; Past Exalted Ruler F. Harold Van Orman, former Lieutenant Governor of Indiana; Hon. J. W. Spencer, Judge of the Circuit Court; the Hon. Frank Griesse, Mayor of Evansville, Ind., and many other prominent Elks, including President Clarke and Past District Deputy W. E. Criswell.

Following the dinner, Lodge was convened and Mr. Meier addressed the large gathering. Later that evening Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Harry Lowenthal entertained the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party at his own home.

ON the succeeding day, November 1, a visit was paid to Mount Carmel, Ill., Lodge, No. 715. Upon the grounds of the Lodge Home, the high school band was waiting to serenade Mr. Meier.

Afterwards a sizable number of the Lodge members assembled in the Lodge room, where Mr. Meier spoke again. Among the group of Lodge officers and other locally prominent men was W. W. Arnold, Congressman from Illinois and a Past President of the Illinois State Elks Association.

Mr. Meier proceeded, after the adjournment of his pleasant visit with Mount Carmel Lodge, to Lawrenceville, Ill., where he called at the Home of Lawrenceville Lodge, No. 1208. Mr. Meier spoke briefly to the assembled Elks before hurrying on to visit Robinson, Ill., Lodge, No. 1188.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was warmly welcomed at Robinson. During the noon hour he delivered an address to the Rotary Club. Following the luncheon period, Mr. Meier was conducted to the Home of Robinson Lodge, where he spoke to about one hundred ladies from families of members.

At 6:15 the Grand Exalted Ruler was guest of honor at a fish dinner in the Home of the Lodge, there being present at this affair about 250 members of the Order, representing every Lodge in the district of Illinois Southeast. Among those in attendance were District Deputy Judge F. B. Leonard; Past State Presidents Dr. J. C. Dallenbach and W. W. Arnold; Frank P. White, Executive Secretary of the Illinois Crippled Children's Commission; and Past District Deputies Joseph B. Crowley, E. Perry Huston, W. T. Buchanan and Charles E. Conner. Mr. Meier addressed the meeting and Secretary White made a short talk on behalf of the work of the Crippled Children's Commission. This was the first official visit ever paid to Robinson Lodge by a Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order.

From here, Grand Exalted Ruler Meier traveled further into the State of Illinois in pursuit of his official visits to the Lodges of the Order in the Middle West. A report of these and subsequent visits will be published next month.

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